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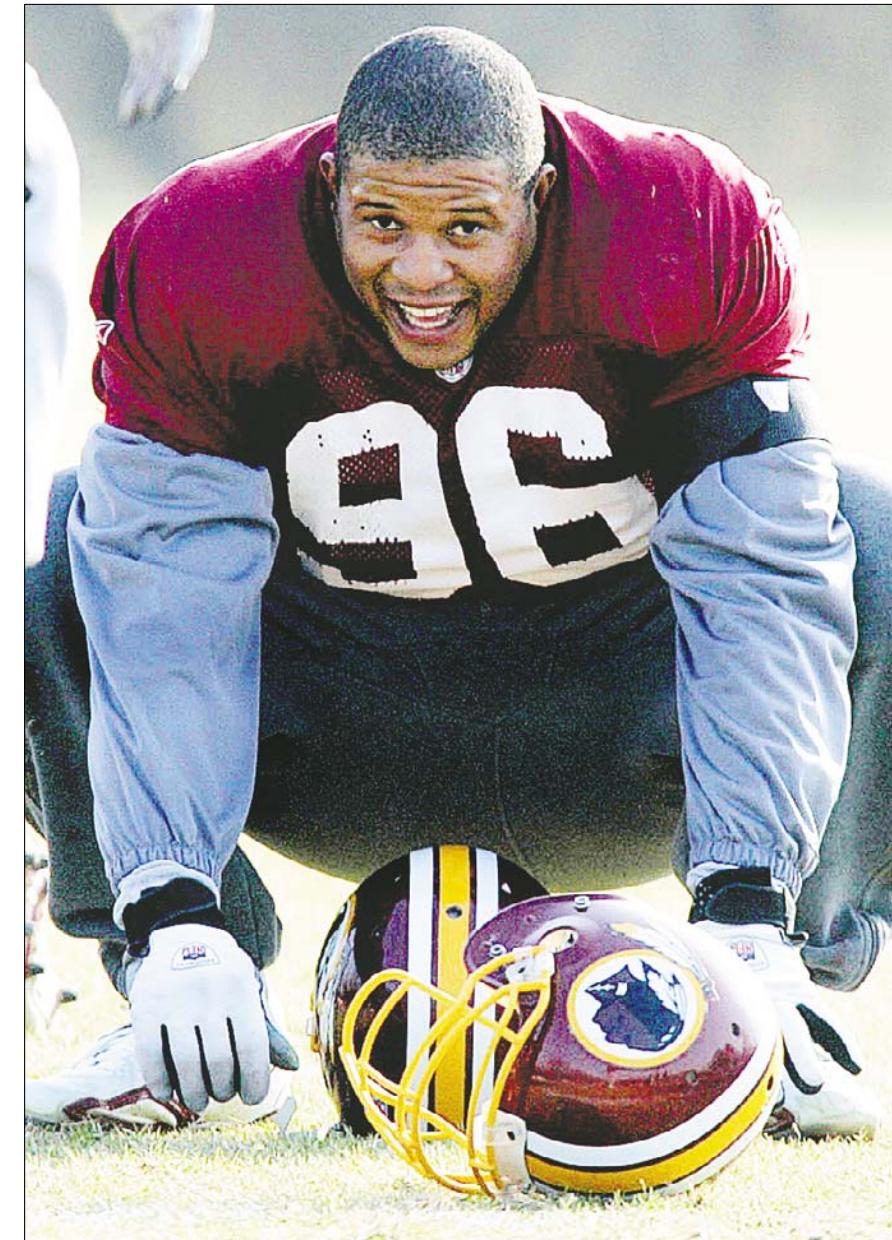
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BILL O'LEARY/TWP

Sights Set on Seahawks

SHOULDERING THE LOAD: Redskins defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin, battling a sore shoulder, practices on Tuesday for Saturday's playoff game against Seattle. Facing a Seahawks offense lead by league MVP Shaun Alexander, the Redskins got a boost Tuesday as injured cornerback Shaun Springs returned to practice. ♦ **Friendly foe:** Springs set to face ex-mates in Seattle | **Page 16**

DIVERSIONS | Wait, This Isn't Charades! Stockton-on-Tees, England, police are looking for two thieves who stole a purse Saturday from a 90-year-old woman after one of them pretended to be a dog, ITV News reported. After the two



men entered the woman's house, officials said, one of them dropped to his knees, started barking and crawled around on all fours. The second man then grabbed the purse and the two ran off. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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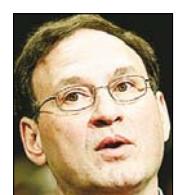
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Alito: No Abortion Agenda

High court nominee says he would keep an 'open mind'

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito said Tuesday he would deal with the issue of abortion with an open mind as a justice, though he defended his 1991 judicial vote saying women seeking abortions must notify their husbands.

In the second day of Senate hearings, Alito also said no president or court is above the law — even in time of war — as he addressed questions on presidential powers. The issue has been at the forefront since the revelation that President Bush had secretly ordered the National Security Agency to conduct wiretaps of Americans in the terror war.



Alito

The federal judge also faced tough questions about his decisions during 15 years on an appeals court, his writings on wiretaps and his membership in a college organization opposed to the admission of women and minorities.

Bush's choice for the high court said his Reagan-era writings opposing abortion reflected an attorney representing a client's interests and, if confirmed and faced with an abortion case, "I would approach the question with an open mind."

He gave no indication how he would vote if faced with the question of whether to overturn the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision establishing a woman's right to an abortion. (AP)

♦ **Sure-footed:** Alito treads a careful path | **Page 3**

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VOWS

At Least You Know They Value Devotion



Bengals fans waited 15 years for their team to return to the playoffs, finally seeing the drought end with Sunday's game against the Steelers. But one couple waited all those years for something else, WLWT-TV reported. Sandy and Jim Reed's first date was the Bengals' previous playoff game, in 1991. Years ago, they decided they'd let fate decide when they would be married, agreeing to tie the knot the next time the Bengals were in the playoffs. On Sunday — 15 years after their first date — they finally held their ceremony in the stadium parking lot with fellow fans two hours before the game. Guests at the wedding sang the Bengals' fight song. (EXPRESS)

MIRACLE RECOVERIES

Back in Action

A Santa Cruz, Calif., bus driver has been charged with fraud and grand theft after allegedly completing a marathon while receiving workers' compensation for a back injury. Johnny Chavarria, a driver for the Santa

Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, is accused of finishing the Big Sur Marathon while receiving thousands of dollars in workers' compensation funds. Prosecutors said Chavarria was arrested Friday following an investigation into the injury claim he filed in June 2003. He's scheduled to appear in court later this month. (AP)



BILL BASSETT/TAP

RESCUES

Hole Lotta Trouble

Talk about a rude introduction to the world. Bill Bassett, one in a group of several hunters, found this newborn calf trapped in a hole in the ground in Next, W.Va., over the Christmas holiday. The newborn had evidently been born breech and slipped backward into the cavity right after its birth. After digging the calf out, the hunters took it to a nearby farm on a four-wheeler, with the mother following them. (EXPRESS)

TIGHT SPACES Hide and Seek And Wash and Rinse

A Townsville, Australia, man had to be rescued after becoming wedged in a washing machine. Robin Toom had to be pulled from the 18-pound-capacity machine by a firefighter after he became trapped while playing hide-and-seek with his children. "I just hopped in there, and couldn't even get the lid down, and the kids came in and said, 'Ha, ha! We found you,'" Toom said. (AP)

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Nation

In Brief

KISSIMMEE, FLA.

Police Surround Bank Robbers With Hostage

Two armed robbers who fled a bank with a hostage after sheriff's deputies tried to end an hours-long standoff Tuesday were trapped in their getaway vehicle after authorities flattened its tires. Deputies were negotiating with the robbers who had a cellphone in the car. After fleeing, they had driven less than a mile from the bank before hitting a police barricade. (AP)



Law enforcement officers maneuver during a standoff at a Mercantile Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO

Police Search for Suspects In Starbucks Bomb Case

Police say they have leads to pursue as they search for the person who put a bomb in the bathroom of a Starbucks, forcing the evacuation of about 100 people from a four-block area. No one was injured. The device was disarmed about an hour after it was found Monday, and residents were allowed back into the building. (AP)



Bush

Bush Warns Dems on Iraq Criticism

WASHINGTON | President Bush warned Democratic critics of his Iraq policy on Tuesday to watch what they say or risk giving "comfort to our adversaries" and suffering at the ballot box in November. Democrats said Bush should take his own advice.

There are still 10 months left

before congressional elections in which the president's Republican Party could lose its dominance of Capitol Hill; a recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll found Americans prefer Democratic control over a continued GOP majority by 49 percent to 36 percent.

Tuesday's sharp message represented an attempt by the president to neutralize Democrats' ability to use Iraq as election-year ammunition against Republicans.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

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TOM RAUM (AP)

Court watch: See live coverage of the Senate panel's hearings on Judge Alito at washingtonpost.com

Analysis: High Court nominee navigates Senate's rough waters

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Judges Briefed On Wiretap Plan

WASHINGTON | The federal judges who were bypassed when the Bush administration ordered warrantless wiretaps in the United States received a secret briefing Monday on details of the surveillance.

Separately, a former FBI director and other lawyers questioned whether the surveillance is legal.

The classified briefing at the Justice Department had been requested by U.S. District Judge

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, presiding judge on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court. Established by Congress in the late 1970s, the court oversees the government's handling of espionage and terrorism investigations.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson last month resigned from the FISA court and other judges voiced concerns about the National Security Agency's electronic surveillance program, which President Bush authorized after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

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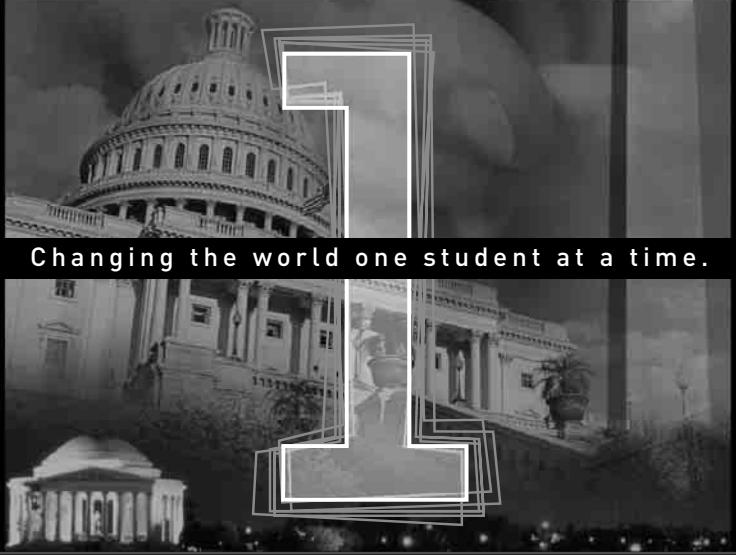
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BUBBLE BANDIT: Police in Brevard Co., Fla., are looking for a thief they say is in the market for large bubble gum machines. The masked man has hit nearly 20 businesses, WKMG-TV reported.

Report: IRS Froze Refunds

Agency held payments deemed questionable, didn't notify taxpayers

WASHINGTON | The Internal Revenue Service freezes tens of thousands of tax refunds it deems questionable without telling people that they're suspected of fraud, the nation's taxpayer advocate said Tuesday.

Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson detailed the program, called the Questionable Refund Program, in her annual list of the worst problems facing taxpayers. Her office, which helps sort out disputes with

the IRS, has seen a mounting number of people seeking help to claim frozen refunds.

"It is a central tenet of American law that the government must notify an accused person of the offense it suspects he committed and must give the accused person an opportunity to present exculpatory evidence to show his innocence," Olson said in her report.

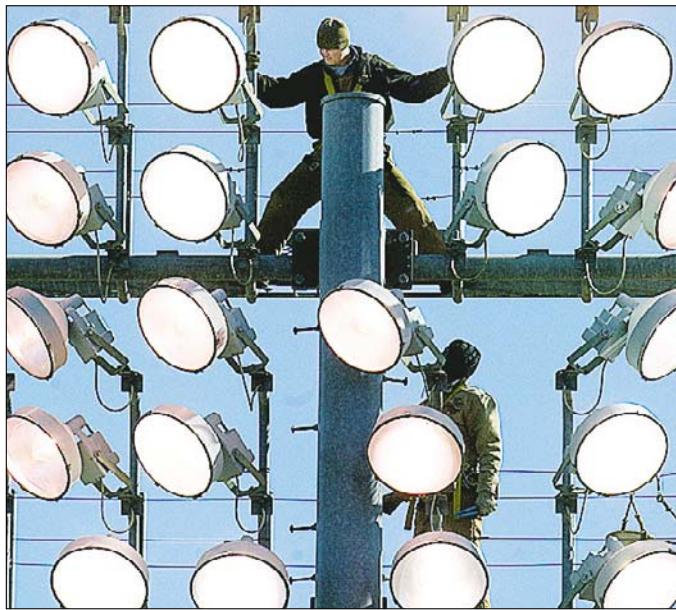
Richard Speier, acting chief of the IRS Criminal Investigation office, said the tax agency is "very comfortable" that when it determines that someone committed a fraudulent act that "we do have that

correctly identified."

Speier said the IRS acknowledges it could do a better job of communicating with these taxpayers. Overall, the program temporarily delays a small number of refunds but stops billions in false refunds from being paid to criminals, the agency said.

The Questionable Refund Program is run by the IRS Criminal Investigation office and uses computer programs and other methods to screen tax returns claiming refunds for indications of fraud. It temporarily freezes returns that might be fraudulent. MARY DALRYMPLE (AP)

WACO, TEXAS | BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG STADIUM



JERRY LARSON/WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD/AP

IT TAKES TWO: Matt Wolf, top, balances himself high atop a lightpole at Baylor University's ballpark on Tuesday as he and Andy Pustejouska replace lightbulbs for the upcoming season. On ground level, the Baylor team was set to begin preseason drills ahead of its first game next month.

Men Tried To Break Out of Mine

W.VA. survivor's family says miners used mine car as battering ram

TALLMANVILLE, W.VA. | The men trapped inside the Sago Mine tried to bulldoze their way out in a mine car before following their training and barricading themselves behind a makeshift protective curtain, according to the family of the disaster's sole survivor.

By the time rescue workers reached the 12 trapped miners more than 41 hours after an explosion, all but one had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. It was West Virginia's worst coal-mining accident in more than 35 years.

Rick McGee, the brother-in-law of survivor Randal McCloy Jr., said Tuesday that International Coal Group Inc. chief executive Ben Hatfield told the family that the miners apparently tried to use the same mechanized mine car they rode into the mine to force their way out, but debris blocked their path.

Lara Ramsburg, a spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Manchin, said Tuesday that it's also the state's understanding the men tried to escape. DAVID DISHNEAU (AP)

N.J. to Temporarily Halt Executions

TRENTON, N.J. | New Jersey lawmakers voted Monday to suspend executions while a task force studies the fairness and costs of imposing the death penalty.

The measure now heads to Gov. Richard J. Codey, who has indicated he will sign it before leaving office on Jan. 17. Under the measure, a 13-member commission would have until November to report on whether

the death penalty is fairly imposed and whether alternatives would ensure public safety and address the needs of victims' families.

New Jersey would become the third state behind Illinois and Maryland to suspend executions, but the first to do so through legislation. The others were done by executive order. Maryland has since lifted its suspension. (AP)

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Court Backs Inmate Rights

Justices rule disabled prisoner can sue for civil rights violations

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that a Georgia inmate should get a fresh chance to prove that the state owes him damages for not accommodating his disability.

The court said that disabled state prisoners whose constitutional rights are violated behind bars can win damages, but justices stopped short of deciding a more significant question: whether

er states can be opened to broader suits under the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the court, said that lower courts should reconsider the case of 41-year-old Georgia inmate Tony Goodman, who contends he was kept for more than 23 hours a day in a cell so narrow he could not turn his wheelchair.

Goodman had been supported



Goodman

in the case by the Bush administration, which argued that lawsuits should be allowed under the disabilities act, a law meant to ensure equal treatment for the disabled.

"We're pleased that in today's decision, the court limited liability solely to instances where there is an actual constitutional violation," said Russ Willard, a spokesman for the Georgia attorney general.

The Supreme Court had previously ruled that people in state prisons are protected by the law, and the follow-up case asked whether individual prisoners have recourse in the courts. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

TEXAS | TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM AIDS DUNES



DAN DALSTRA/AP

SAND ARBOR: Corky Courtright unloads Christmas trees along the coast at Surfside Beach, Texas, on Tuesday. Courtright and others have been placing the trees along the beach in a program to help build up the dunes.

DeLay Tied To Abramoff Casino Deal

WASHINGTON | Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay tried to pressure the Bush administration into shutting down an Indian-owned casino that lobbyist Jack Abramoff wanted closed — shortly after a tribal client of Abramoff's donated to a DeLay political action committee, The Associated Press has learned.

The Texas Republican demanded closure of the casino, owned by the Alabama-Coushatta tribe of Texas, in a Dec. 11, 2001 letter to then-Attorney General John Ashcroft. The Associated Press obtained the letter from a source who did not want to be identified because of an ongoing federal investigation of Abramoff and members of Congress.

"We feel that the Department of Justice needs to step in and investigate the inappropriate and illegal actions by the tribe, its financial backers, if any, and the casino equipment vendors," said the letter, which was also signed by Texas Republican Reps. Pete Sessions, John Culberson and Kevin Brady.

Ashcroft never took action on the request, but the casino was closed the following year by a federal court ruling. SUZANNE GAMBOA (AP)

Police Fatally Shoot Mass. Teen Driver

PLYMOUTH, MASS. | Police shot and killed a 16-year-old boy early Tuesday after he drove a car at them while fleeing the scene of a possible burglary attempt, authorities said.

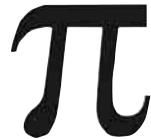
The two officers opened fire, killing Anthony McGrath, following a high-speed chase that started at a liquor store in Plymouth.

The two officers, whose names were not released, were placed on paid leave.

The alarm at Richard's Wine and Spirits sounded around 3:20 a.m., and an officer saw a vehicle leaving the area.

The vehicle's driver, McGrath, lost control and hit a wall, but when officers ordered him out of the car, he accelerated forward, hitting a utility pole and driving toward the two officers, police said.

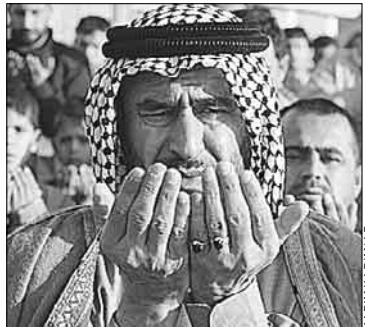
The police officers then opened fire, killing McGrath, who was alone in the car. (AP)



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World

In Brief



Iraqis pray on the first day of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha on Tuesday.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

No Reports of Violence as Iraqis Start Eid Celebrations

Shiite and Sunni Arabs celebrated the Islamic feast of sacrifice Tuesday with calls for an end to the bloodshed that has wracked Iraq since last month's elections. Sunni Arabs tempered their appeals with renewed calls for the withdrawal of U.S. troops. In a day with no violence reported, Iraqis nationwide celebrated the opening of the four-day Eid al-Adha celebration with visits to relatives, food and sweets. (AP)

PARIS

Face Transplant Recipient Said to Be Regaining Feeling

The French woman who received the world's first partial face transplant is steadily regaining sensation in her new nose, chin and lips, and is "very happy," her psychiatrist said Tuesday. The woman, identified only as Isabelle, has regained some sensation in her new features, Dr. Daniele Bachmann said. It was still unclear how long she will remain hospitalized, Bachmann said. (AP)

MOSCOW

3 Chechens Plead Not Guilty In Killing of U.S. Journalist

Three ethnic Chechens charged in connection with the slaying of American journalist Paul Klebnikov pleaded not guilty Tuesday as their trial began behind closed doors in the Moscow City Court. Lawyers predicted a long trial, citing the more than 600-page criminal case and the suspects' insistence that prosecutors have the wrong people. Klebnikov was gunned down outside the Moscow offices of Forbes magazine in July 2004. (AP)

Iran Lifts U.N. Seals at Nuclear Site

Defying international outcry, Tehran reopens key enrichment facility

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran broke U.N. seals on its nuclear enrichment facility Tuesday, pledging only to conduct research, but the international nuclear watchdog said Tehran also planned small-scale enrichment of uranium — a process that can produce fuel for nuclear weapons.

The reopening of the Natanz facility drew an outcry from the U.S., Europe and Japan as the move

was seen as defiance of demands that Iran maintain a freeze on its nuclear program and could provide justification for it to be hauled before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

While U.S. and European criticism of Iran's nuclear moves is common, Russia and China — which have blocked past efforts to have Iran referred to the Security Council — have indicated growing frustration with Tehran as well.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei also voiced exasperation, telling

NUCLEAR STANDOFF

Among some of the key dates in Iran's nuclear history:

- February-May 2003: IAEA inspectors examine nuclear facilities in Iran.
- October 2003: Iran agrees to stop enriching uranium.
- August 2005: Tehran says it has resumed uranium conversion at its Isfahan facility.
- September 2005: President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad it is Iran's "inalienable right" to produce nuclear fuel. (AP)

Britain's Sky News: "I am running out of patience."

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier questioned whether European-led negotiations had any future and said Iran had "crossed lines which it knew would not remain without consequences." He said he had asked ElBaradei to quickly evaluate the dangers of Iran's latest move.

Iran insists it has the right to develop the entire nuclear fuel cycle under the terms of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

BENIN | THOUSANDS GATHER TO CELEBRATE VOODOO DAY



GEORGE OSODI (AP)

ANCIENT RITE: Voodoo worshippers perform sacred rites in Ouidah, Benin, Tuesday. Thousands celebrated the once-banned voodoo, sacrificing animals and welcoming revelers from Brazil and the U.S., some of whom are descendants of slaves who took the practice to the Americas. Voodoo began in West Africa and holds that life is driven by spiritual forces.

Turkey Takes New Bird Flu Measures

ANKARA, TURKEY | Turkey raced Tuesday to contain an outbreak of bird flu and reassure the world it had the potentially fatal illness under control, after preliminary tests showed at least 15 people were infected with the deadly H5N1 strain.

Health officials handed out leaflets, and imams blared warnings from mosque loudspeakers in the mostly Muslim country, which has recorded the first human deaths outside eastern Asia, where bird flu has claimed 76 lives since 2003.

Fifteen cases in one week is a

record for the current bird flu outbreak. Such a high number of cases in such a short space of time has never been seen in East Asia.

Turkey's government, anxious to demonstrate to its citizens and the European Union that it was taking decisive action, ordered more than 300,000 fowl destroyed as a precaution. (AP)

Kim Jong Il Reportedly Visits China

Secretive N. Korean leader may discuss nuke talks with Beijing

BEIJING | North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has traveled to China this week, a South Korean military intelligence official said, raising hopes of a resumption of talks on the country's nuclear weapons program.

China's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that Kim planned to visit Beijing at some point — and that the nuclear issue would be a key topic for discussion — but did not give the exact timing. China has in the past announced Kim's visits only after he has returned to North Korea.



Kim Jong Il

In Moscow, officials at the Foreign Ministry and the Kremlin had no comment on whether Kim would travel to Russia.

As North Korea's last major ally and aid donor, Beijing has been urged to use its leverage to persuade Pyongyang to return to the talks, which have been stalled since November. (AP)

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World

Sharon Shows Signs of Progress

Doctors say Israeli leader's life no longer in immediate danger

JERUSALEM | Doctors reported progress Tuesday by Ariel Sharon, saying the Israeli leader moved his left hand and appeared to respond to his sons' voices in new signs of recovery from a massive stroke.

But while doctors said Sharon was no longer in immediate danger, they cautioned it would be days before they could determine the full extent of the damage he suffered from a brain hemorrhage and whether he has lost his ability to think and reason.

Israelis were stunned at the illness of their 77-year-old leader and have intensely followed updates on his condition. Some made pilgrimages to Hadassah Hospital, gathering outside to pray and hanging up posters of support.

In his first public statement since his father's stroke, Sharon's son Omri said the family was grateful for the outpouring of support.

"I came to thank, in the name of my family, the citizens of Israel, who since Wednesday have supported us



Students recite from a prayer book outside Sharon's hospital in Jerusalem.

with their concern, with warm and loving prayers for the well-being of my father," he told reporters.

Sharon's sons were playing Mozart as well as one of his favorite Israeli songs, "The King's Bride," in his hospital room in hopes it would elicit a further response.

The campaign for Israel's March 28 elections has been largely frozen since Sharon's stroke. An assessment of Sharon's condition could enable his new Kadima Party to pick a successor and start campaigning. (AP)

S. Korean's Dog Cloning Claim Upheld

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | Disgraced researcher Hwang Woo-suk did create the world's first cloned dog, but faked all his landmark claims to have cloned human embryonic stem cells in a brazen scam and deserves punishment, his university said Tuesday.

The latest revelations doomed the South Korean's reputation as a pioneer in the human cloning field, already tainted by the finding that his claim in 2005 to have efficiently developed 11 patient-specific stem cell lines was false.

Hwang and his researcher team "did not have any proof to show that cloned embryonic stem cells were ever created," an investigating panel at Seoul National University said in a report Tuesday, disputing claims in



Supporters of embattled researcher Hwang Woo-suk rally in Seoul Tuesday.

Hwang's 2004 paper in the journal Science purporting that he cloned a human embryo and extracted stem cells from it.

However, the panel upheld Hwang's claims last year to have created the world's first cloned dog, an Afghan hound named Snuppy. (AP)

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World



Villagers carry relief supplies transported by a U.N. helicopter to Sharda, Pakistan.

Snow Slows Aid to Quake Survivors

Supply routes badly damaged in disaster now cut off by weather

SHARDA, PAKISTAN | It has no phone service, no open roads and no stockpiles of vegetables that normally would have been put away for winter. Like many villages in quake-hit Kashmir, Sharda is cut off.

As the Himalayan winter bites, the fear of isolation is widespread, and the U.N. was temporarily forced to halt relief flights to one area late last week after residents stormed helicopters and demanded to be taken out.

"They are so scared because they are being cut off and feeling insecure," said David Vadachkoria of the World Food Program.

The Oct. 8 earthquake killed some 87,000 people and left 3.5 million homeless. And it disrupted the transportation links that usually allow isolated villages to prepare for winter.

Roads to Sharda were blocked by the quake and reopened for only a couple of weeks last month before snow sealed them shut again.

Shortages have sent prices skyrocketing: Flour has doubled in price and oil has increased by 40 percent, said Muhammad Afzal Qureshi, a 35-year-old teacher.

"Normally we stock food for six months. Now this year we can't stock food because the road is closed," he said.

The Pakistani government usually provides aid to Sharda and the surrounding area to help them survive the winter. But the government recently asked the U.N. to take over the task here, Vadachkoria said.

The WFP aims to stockpile a month's food supply here, which will require some 20 days of flying missions.

Bad weather could throw off the schedule, Vadachkoria said. "If not for this food coming in, there will be starvation here," he said.

BURT HERMAN (AP)

Peru Bars Fujimori From Election Bid

LIMA, PERU | Peru's election board on Tuesday barred Alberto Fujimori from running in an April election as the jailed former president fought efforts by Peruvian prosecutors to have him extradited from Chile.

Fujimori has been detained

in Chile since November when he arrived unexpectedly following five years in exile in Tokyo. He went to Japan in 2000 when his decade-long autocratic regime collapsed under the weight of growing scandals. (AP)

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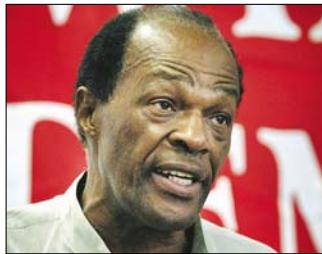
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Local

IN The Washington Post



Barry and Cocaine

Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry tested positive for cocaine use in court-ordered drug tests this fall and has since begun treatment for drug addiction, according to three sources familiar with the Ward 8 Council member's case. | Today, Page A1

Grandparents' Aid Plan Enacted

WASHINGTON | D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams signed a bill Tuesday that makes low-income grandparents raising their grandchildren eligible for financial help. The benefits range from \$800 to \$1,100 per month. The subsidy will be available March 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. More than 16,000 D.C. children live with their grandparents. (AP)

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Mayor: Stadium Deal May Be Near

Council could address new agreement this week, Williams says

WASHINGTON | Nearly two weeks after the deadline passed, Mayor Anthony A. Williams expressed optimism Tuesday that a lease deal for a new baseball stadium could be at hand.



Williams

"I would hope as early as late this week to get Council action on it, in way that addresses the cost issues, in a way that addresses the cost overrun issues," Williams said.

"I think we're very close," said Mark Tuohey, head of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission.

Under the deal that moved the Montreal Expos to Washington,

the D.C. Council was supposed to sign off on a lease by Dec. 31. That didn't happen after Williams had the lease pulled once it became clear he lacked the votes for passage. Major League Baseball filed for mediation earlier this month.

"I don't think the whole thing will fall apart. I don't think that we will lose the Nationals, but what we have to do, though, is we have to address the cost overrun issue," said Council Chair Linda Cropp, D-At Large.

Although the council approved spending \$535 million for construction of the ballpark last year, more recent estimates have put the costs at about \$667 million.

Some lawmakers who have been critical of the deal were encouraged.

"I've indicated that I will support a lease if there is a limit on how much the district will spend in public dollars," said Council member Phil Mendelson, D-At Large. (AP)

SPRINGFIELD, VA. | MIXING BOWL RAMP SET TO OPEN



KEVIN CLARK/TWP

FINAL INSPECTIONS: Outgoing Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, left, and his replacement, Tim Kaine, reviewed a $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile-long series of bridges at the Springfield Mixing Bowl on Tuesday. The new ramp, intended to unclog parts of the congested highway interchange, will link northbound I-95 with the Outer Loop of the Capital Beltway.

D.C. Fire Officials Probe Response to Attack

Ambulance for slain journalist did not arrive for 22 minutes

WASHINGTON | As police hunted for the killer of a retired New York Times journalist Tuesday, fire officials investigated the emergency response to the attack in one of the city's most affluent neighborhoods.

While the initial crew of emergency medical technicians arrived within five minutes, an ambulance carrying two additional EMTs did not arrive until 22 minutes later, said Alan Etter, a fire depart-

ment spokesman. The ambulance that took David E. Rosenbaum to the hospital was dispatched from Providence Hospital, nearly six miles away from Gramercy Street in upper Northwest D.C., the scene of the Friday night attack.

"We're checking global positioning system records to determine whether there may have been an ambulance closer," Etter said.

The D.C. medical examiner found that Rosenbaum, 63, died of blunt force trauma to the head, ruling his death a homicide.

Rosenbaum was found dazed on a sidewalk near his home after leaving to take a walk. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 10

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-3-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	X-X-X
Mid-day DC 4	8-5-8-1
Evening DC 4	X-X-X-X
Rolling Cash Five	X-X-X-X-X Bonus: XX
Daily 6	X-X-X-X-X-X Bonus: XX

Evening Pick 3	X-X-X
Mid-day Pick 4	5-0-8-5
Evening Pick 4	X-X-X-X
Match 5	XX-XX-XX-XX-XX Bonus: XX

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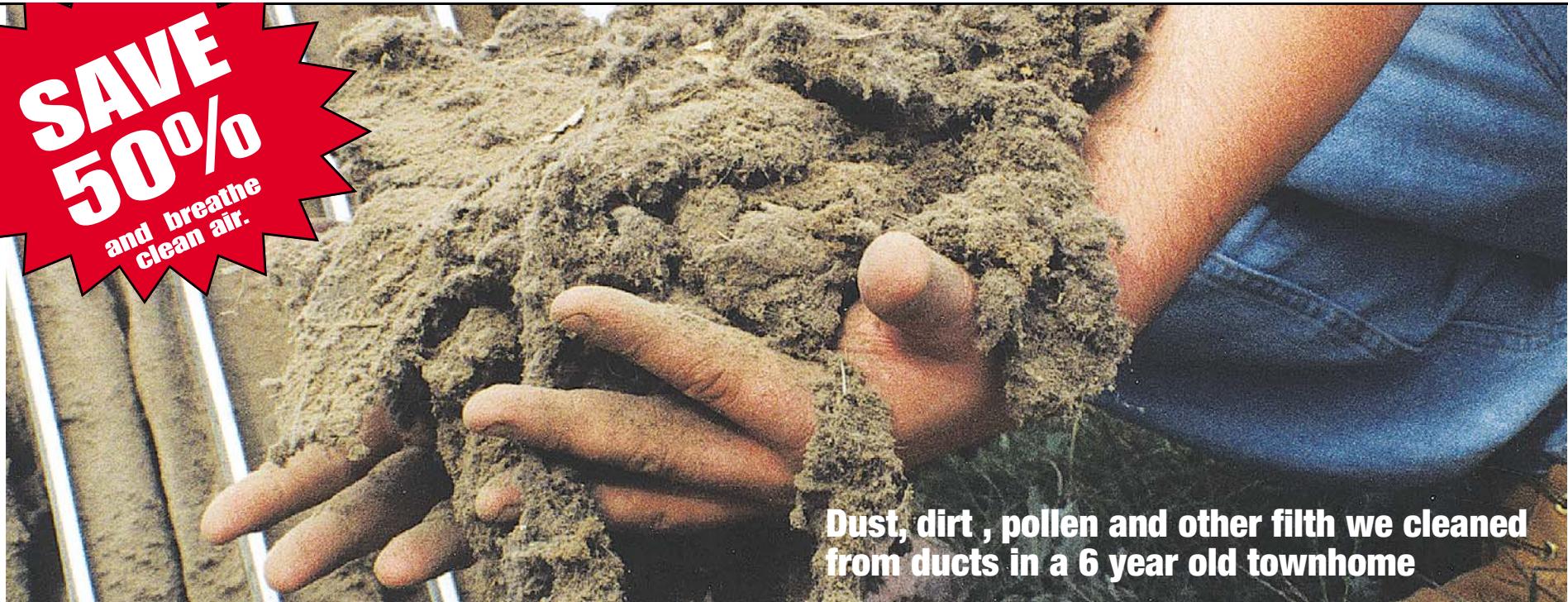
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-0-3
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	0-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-8-3-6
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-3-6-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	03-06-24-25-27
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Local

Ehrlich to Fund Stem Cell Studies

Next year's Maryland budget will include \$20M in new research

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Robert Ehrlich will include \$20 million in next year's budget to pay for stem cell research, setting up a potential fight in the legislature with lawmakers who oppose use of embryonic stem cells for research purposes.

Paul Schurick, Ehrlich's communications director, said there will be no restrictions on how the money can be spent. The governor would leave it to the Maryland Technology Development Corp., part of the state's economic development agency, to develop protocols for determining what research would be funded, including research on embryonic and adult stem cells.

"It was an easy decision" for the governor, Schurick said.

"His decision is consistent with his position as long as he's been in

public office," he said.

Ehrlich's announcement came just hours after supporters of the use of embryonic stem cells for research purposes announced they would introduce legislation to provide \$25 million in state funding and challenged Ehrlich to lend his support.

"I certainly welcome his decision to provide the money," Delegate Samuel Rosenberg, D-Baltimore, lead House sponsor of the legislation, said after hearing of Ehrlich's announcement.

Rosenberg said he still thinks legislation to be introduced by him and Sen. Paula Hollinger, D-Baltimore County, is needed because it establishes limits on how the money can be used, including allowing embryonic research only on embryos created for in vitro fertilization purposes that would otherwise be destroyed because they are no longer needed.

TOM STUCKEY (AP)

Norfolk Declared Ready To Respond to Tsunami

City is first major jurisdiction certified by weather service

NORFOLK, VA. | Norfolk is the first major city on the East Coast to be certified as ready to react should an asteroid, earthquake or landslide send a deadly wall of water racing at its shore.

The city was recently declared tsunami ready by the National Weather Service, joining tiny Indian Harbour Beach in Florida as the only localities on the Atlantic Coast to meet the government's seismic sea wave standards.

Jim Talbot, Norfolk's assistant director of emergency preparedness and response, decided to pursue the federal TsunamiReady certification, even though he admits the odds

are better for him to hit the Mega Millions lottery than for a tsunami to strike Hampton Roads.

"I went after it because of the potential there would be some federal funds available," Talbot said. Then again, in his business, he said, you can't be too careful.

It wasn't a difficult process, he said.

It mainly involved including in the city's emergency plan what to watch for and do in the case of a tsunami.

The city, like Chesapeake, Newport News, Hampton and Virginia Beach, already met the Weather Service's StormReady standards, noted Bill Sammler, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service regional office in Wakefield.

TONY GERMANOTTA (THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP)

2.5M

The number of people expected to travel from European airports each day during the summer of 2006, European air traffic control predicts. More than 700 million people traveled on over 9.2 million flights in 2005.

Money



FORCES UNITE: Intel Corp. CEO Paul Otellini, left, and Apple Computer Inc. CEO Steve Jobs check out the new MacBook Pro laptop in San Francisco on Tuesday.

New Intel-Driven Macs Unveiled

Apple rolls out jointly designed computers earlier than expected

SAN FRANCISCO | Apple Computer Inc.'s historic shift to Intel microprocessors came months earlier than expected as CEO Steve Jobs debuted computers based on new two-brained chips from the world's largest semiconductor company.

The first Macs to deploy Intel Corp.'s Core Duo processors will be the latest iMac desktop, whose circuitry is all built into the slim display, and the all-new MacBook Pro laptop.

When it announced the switch in June, Apple said it expected to begin making the transition by mid-2006. On Tuesday, Jobs was joined at the Macworld Expo by Intel CEO Paul Otellini to unveil the new jointly designed computers.

The shift comes as Apple is on

a streak with its hugely popular iPod music players. Earlier, Jobs said the company brought in a record \$5.7 billion in sales during the holiday quarter as it sold 14 million iPods.

For years, Apple shunned Intel, which has provided chips that power a majority of the world's PCs, along with Windows software from Microsoft Corp. In the late 1990s, Apple even ran TV ads with a Pentium II glued to a snail.

But Apple, looking for faster, more energy-efficient chips, became increasingly frustrated in recent years as its chip suppliers, IBM Corp. and Motorola Corp.'s spinoff, Freescale Semiconductor Inc., failed to meet its needs.

Among their features, the new computers will include Apple's Front Row software and a remote control, which lets users watch videos, listen to music or browse photos from across a room. MAY WONG (AP)

Many Still Behind on Credit Card Bills

WASHINGTON | The proportion of consumers behind on their credit card bills remained near record-high levels in the July-September period, signaling that high gasoline prices and rising interest rates continue to put stress on personal budgets.

The American Bankers Association reported Tuesday that the percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due dipped slightly to 4.74 percent in the July-September quarter after having hit an all-time high of 4.81 percent in the spring. (AP)

GM to Lower Prices on Most Models

DETROIT | General Motors Corp., which has been losing market share in the United States to Asian automakers, said Tuesday that it will lower the prices on 57 of its 76

models in North America in an effort to boost its sliding market share and wean buyers off expensive incentives.

Mark LaNeve, vice president of

sales and marketing for the world's biggest automaker, told reporters that the program will lower the manufacturer's suggested retail price by as much as \$2,500 on some vehicles, but the average decrease will be \$1,300. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Cryolife	3.89	+.79	+25.5
HughSup	45.61	+.06	+18.3
ECC Cap n	2.70	+.33	+13.9
Chic&I slf	25.47	+.54	+11.1
dj Ortho	31.35	+.74	+9.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MitsuUFJ	13.40	-.78	-5.5
PhelpD	146.58	-.97	-5.2
CenEurRus	45.52	-.32	-4.8
Maytag	17.89	-.88	-4.7
TerraNitro	22.09	-.06	-4.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ExactSci	3.98	+.39	+53.7
Angeion	4.15	+.14	+37.9
PlanarSy	10.60	+.23	+25.1
StarScien	2.96	+.55	+22.8
AmrtrnsC	5.99	+.99	+19.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RedRobin	38.29	-.13	-36.3
LightPth	5.06	-.34	-20.9
TumblrdC	2.44	-.61	-20.0
LifePth	29.54	-.67	-18.9
JDASoft	14.72	-.24	-14.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.25	4.3125
3-month	4.20	4.03
2-year	4.40	4.33
10-year	4.43	4.37
30-year	4.62	4.55

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5665	.5667	.5329
Canadian Dollar	1.1640	1.1680	1.2227
European Euro	.8286	.8276	.7638
Japanese Yen	114.41	114.35	104.20
Mexican Peso	10.6060	10.5420	11.2400
Taiwanese Dollar	32.02	32.42	32.22

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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ClearChan	32.00	-.47	+1.7
Comcast	27.41	-.04	+5.7
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DirectTV	14.53	-.42	+2.9
Disney	25.32	+.32	+5.6
Gannett	63.41	-.33	+4.7
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McGrwH s	49.28	-.27	-4.6
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Cars



TO THE MAX: Ford has announced that it will call the production model of its SAV concept car the "S-Max." The vehicle's name is keeping in line with the "C-Max"—what Ford dubbed another line of concept cars that went into production in 2004.

The Breed for Speed

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CLIP | At 200 mph, the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 pounds a beautiful, howling hole in the sweltering haze hanging over the motorway.

This, the fastest production car in the world, is broad and low, an enameled ellipse in a spiffy two-tone paint scheme. By comparison, its now-vanquished supercar rivals are all edges and blades and angles, like F16 fighter planes or Japanese stunt kites.

The Veyron is not, strictly speaking, the fastest car you can drive, but the ones that are faster have jet engines and parachutes. The guardrails blur into a stream of quicksilver. Houses fly by before your brain can register the word "house."

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The driver's brain probably didn't even register the person who took this photo.

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This wonderful artifact is a heroic and historic automobile. **DAN NEIL**
(LOS ANGELES TIMES)



LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars.

I'd like to get a Prius but worry that I drive too little to keep the hybrid's battery alive. Does the hybrid technology, with its greater dependence on the battery, fit with my low mileage driving style/needs?

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Show Me The Money

L.A. Auto Show has the goods for those with deep pockets

CURTAINS UP | Los Angeles is the more-money-than-sense capital of the Western world. While the annual Greater L.A. Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center, through Jan. 15, typically is upstaged by the January show in Detroit, super-exclusive carmakers — Aston Martin, Rolls-Royce, Lamborghini, and rare isotopes such as Fisker and Spyker — regard Los Angeles, not Motown, as the biggest show of the year.

And so the L.A. show is North Americans' first chance to see the new BMW M6, a 500-horsepower, 10-cylinder super-coupe that looks like Munich's styling department was taken over by Sith lords; the new Mercedes-Benz S-class sedan, a rolling portmanteau of next-generation safety technology and mid-three-digit horsepower; the exquisite Porsche Cayman S, the hardtop version of the Boxster S; the Pontiac Solstice GXP, the track-ready version of the derringer roadster with a 260-horsepower turbocharged engine, 18-inch wheels, and limited-slip differential; and the Maybach 57S — the "S" stands for "stupid" fast — a hot-rodded luxury

sedan with a 612-horsepower V-12 engine. Altogether, a class of cars that will trigger more drool than Pavlov's bell.

Slightly more over the horizon are the show's collection of concept cars. For starters, alphabetically, there is the Audi Shooting Brake, a three-door hatchback; the eel-sleek Hyundai NEOS III, a seven-passenger, V-8-powered, all-wheel-drive crossover with coupe-like styling.

And then there's over the rainbow. The Maserati Birdcage 75th, for instance, is a manta-mouthed sports prototype. The car's most distinctive feature is its enveloping blue canopy, inside which the driver accesses the outside world through all manner of enhanced-reality technology.

Speaking of enhanced realities, Mitsubishi is displaying its mind-bending Eclipse Ralliart. Stuffed with 405-horsepower guts, and cross-dressed with carbon-fiber panels and 20-inch wheels, the Eclipse Ralliart brings perfect pitch to the art of tuning.

It's not all fantasyland, however. General Motors will debut its next-generation Chevy Tahoe and Suburban. On the other end of the curb-weight scale, Chevy will also unveil its global small car, the 2007 Aveo. DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Springs Ready for Return to Seattle

Cornerback is back at practice ahead of game against old team

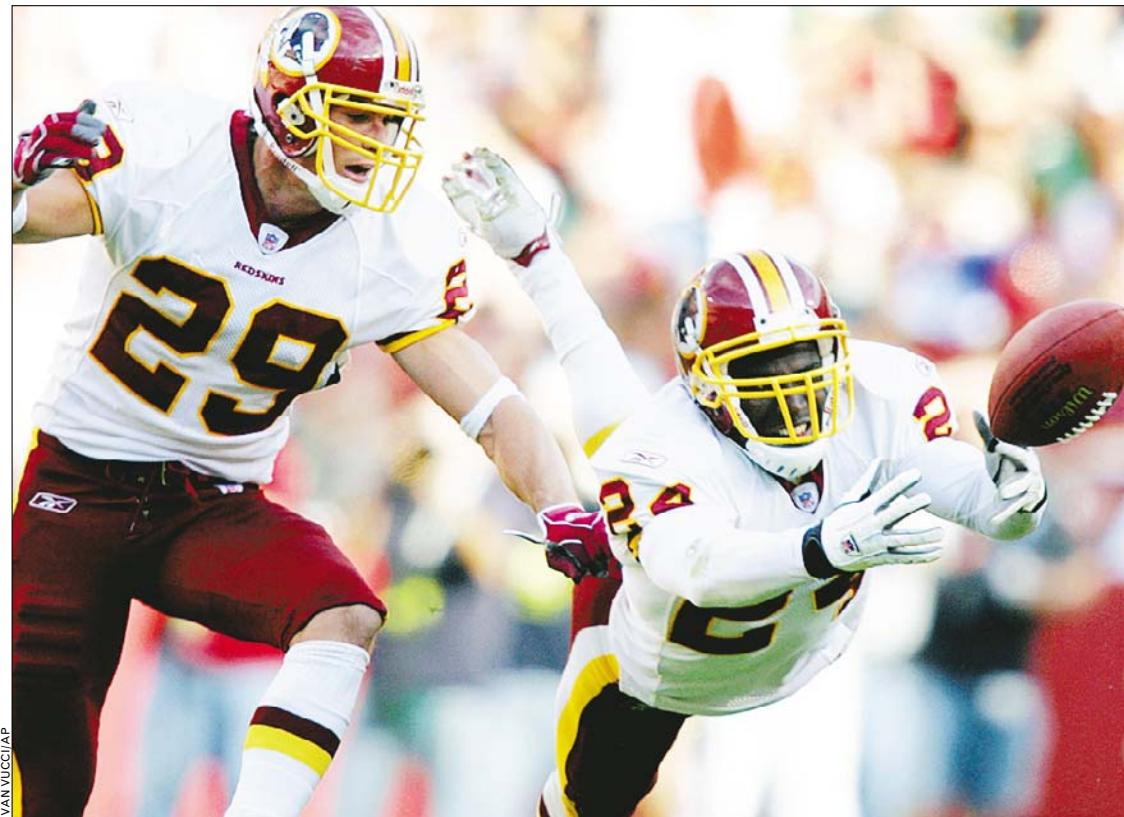
REDSKINS | Shawn Springs sounded as if he were going to a family reunion instead of a playoff football game. He flashed his charismatic smile and spoke fondly of coach Mike Holmgren, former teammates, a "400-pound Seahawks fan" named Big Lo, the guys in the equipment room, and the team vice president's wife who once helped the young cornerback find a house.

Springs spent seven enjoyable years in the Pacific Northwest, and he's returning as a visiting player for the first time when the Washington Redskins play the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday. "I was raised in that organization," Springs said. "They've seen me go from a young man to who I am today."

Springs has willed himself back to health to prepare for his old team, returning to practice Tuesday after missing last week's playoff victory over Tampa Bay with a groin injury. He wonders whether he'll be received as an old friend who was the No. 3 overall draft pick from Ohio State in 1997 — or as the ungrateful kid who took the money and ran.

"I'm curious. I think it'll be mixed reviews," he said.

Springs said he was perceived by some people in Seattle as "a cancer in the locker room," but that his relationship was good with Holmgren. The coach didn't want Springs to leave when free agency beckoned in 2004, but Holmgren's persuasion was no match for Redskins coach



DROPPING IN: When Shawn Springs left Seattle, he signed with the Redskins at the urging of his mother who still lives in Silver Spring, Md. Now, the cornerback, right, heads back west for a playoff game against the Seahawks on Saturday afternoon.

REDSKINS NOTES

- RB Clinton Portis was limited in practice on Tuesday as he rested his two sore shoulders, one of which was numb with a pinched nerve during the Tampa Bay game.
- Three-fifths of the offensive line — Jon Jansen, Chris Samuels and Ray Brown — had limited work in practice.
- DT Cornelius Griffin practiced despite his sore shoulder, but WR James Thrash (broken thumb) sat out and is questionable for Saturday.

Believing in Brunell

- When Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs extols the play of quarterback Mark Brunell, he finds himself in an immediate quarrel with statistics | **Today in Sports**

IN **The Washington Post**

Joe Gibbs' determination, Redskins owner Dan Snyder's millions and the influence of a mother who wanted her son back near his hometown of Silver Spring, Md.

"My mom overruled everybody. You're going to sign with Washington," Springs said. "It

worked out for me."

So it did. Springs last season became the first defensive back in NFL history to lead his team in both sacks (six) and interceptions (five). He has no sacks and only one interception this season, but that's because the Redskins aren't blitzing as much from the corners and because opposing quarterbacks don't want to throw his way.

"What you have in Shawn is someone who's battle-tested," Gibbs said. "There's no substitute for experience. He'll add a lot to us, having him back." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Ed-Hog Grimm Eyed as Head Coach

NFL | Pittsburgh assistant Russ Grimm will interview for head coaching vacancies with the Lions, Packers and Saints later this week, after the Steelers coaches have finalized their game plan for Sunday's divisional playoff game against Indianapolis.

Grimm, the offensive line coach, is seen as a front-runner for the Lions' job and will be interviewed

Thursday night in Pittsburgh by Lions president Matt Millen. The Packers' interview will be Friday. The Saints, who may interview Grimm by phone, are looking to replace a former Steelers



Grimm

assistant coach, Jim Haslett, who was fired following a 3-13 season.

A former star on the Washington Redskins' offensive line known as the Hogs, Grimm was a finalist with Lovie Smith for the Bears' job before Smith was hired two years ago.

After that interview, Grimm added the title of assistant head coach in Pittsburgh. Grimm also interviewed with the Browns last season before Romeo Crennel was hired. (AP)

HEARSAY | STEELERS

"I don't want us to lose our emotion, but we can't lose our composure. There's a fine line and at times we kind of crossed that."

PITTSBURGH COACH BILL COWHER
WHO SAYS HIS STEELERS NEED TO PLAY MORE UNDER CONTROL IF THEY ARE TO DEFEAT THE COLTS ON SUNDAY.

In Brief

TENNIS

Nadal, Safin Out of Open

Defending champion Marat Safin and French Open winner Rafael Nadal are out of the Australian Open, joining Andre Agassi on the sidelines for the first Grand Slam of the year. Australian Open spokesman John Lindsay said on Wednesday the tournament was officially told of Nadal's withdrawal late Tuesday night, and word from Safin was expected sometime Wednesday, although the Russian announced his pullout on his Web site. The Open begins Monday. (AP)



Nadal bowed out of the Aussie Open.

COLLEGE HOOPS

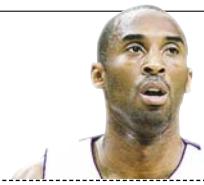
Bearcats Lose Top Player Kirkland With Torn ACL

Cincinnati forward Armein Kirkland will miss the rest of the season after tearing the ACL in his left knee. Kirkland was injured in the first half of the 25th-ranked Bearcats' 70-59 to No. 4 Connecticut on Monday. He twisted the knee after attempting a shot and immediately hobbled to the bench. He is expected to have surgery Friday. (AP)

HOCKEY

Tampa Bay Cuts Captain

The Tampa Bay Lightning waived 42-year-old captain Dave Andreychuk on Tuesday, saying the inspirational leader of their Stanley Cup championship team could not keep up with the speed the NHL's new rules have brought about. Lightning general manager Jay Feaster said Andreychuk had worked hard during and after last season's lockout, but neither he nor the coaches could foresee "the type of game the new NHL would be upon its return — a game in which speed and quickness carry the day." (AP)



STRIVE FOR 45: Kobe Bryant became the first player since Wilt Chamberlain in 1964 to score at least 45 points in four consecutive games when the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Indiana Pacers 96-90 on Monday night.



Kevin Pittsnogle is averaging 20 points a game for the Mountaineers this year. CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

A Battle of Unbeatens In Big East

HOYAS HOOPS | The Hoyas have surged through seven straight wins, but haven't yet proved themselves against college basketball's elite. In their only game against a ranked opponent so far, No. 7 Illinois handed them one of their two losses.

Georgetown gets another opportunity to establish itself among the big dogs Wednesday on the road against No. 16-ranked West Virginia (10-3).

Led by center Kevin Pittsnogle (20 ppg, 5.8 rpg) and forward Mike Gansey (19 ppg, 5.5 rpg), the Mountaineers are on an eight-game winning streak, including Sunday's win over previously undefeated Villanova. Both West Virginia and Georgetown are so far undefeated in the Big East, which has six ranked teams for the first time in conference history.

"Every team poses a stiff challenge, because the Big East is tough," said Hoyas guard Ashanti Cook. "Anyone is capable of winning."

The Hoyas certainly feel they are capable of winning. While other teams draw attention to themselves with players who put up big numbers, the Hoyas say their philosophy has little to do with names.

"It's 'how did we do?' And that's just what the guys want. It's not about 'Is my name out there?'" said coach John Thompson III. "We have to stop them. It's all a team concept." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

Ski Coach Not Sure About Bode

OLYMPICS | U.S. ski coach Phil McNichol questions whether Bode Miller should remain with the team following his comments about racing and drinking. The overall World Cup champion said during a "60 Minutes" profile on CBS that it's not easy "to ski when you're wasted."

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association has been swamped with angry phone calls from team donors and corporate sponsors since those remarks.

"I don't know what the answer is. First we have to call the question: Can we still do this together?" McNichol told The Associated Press. "I think the question Bode has to answer is: Do you still want to be a part of the United States ski team?" (AP)



Miller

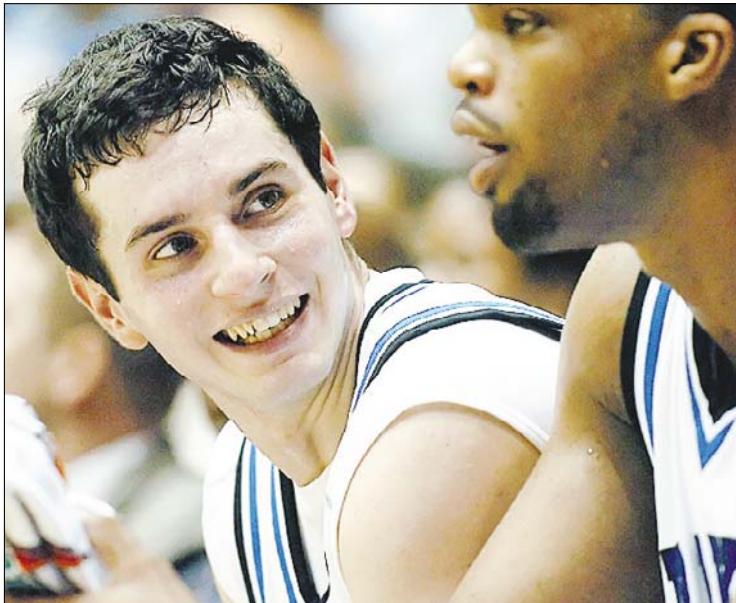
Four-Score for No. 23 Maryland?

Terps eye another win over Duke to make up for upset loss to Miami

TERPS HOOPS | The '60s are long gone but still the Maryland Terrapins are having flashbacks after their first trip of the season. Road trip, that is.

Maryland's first non-neutral site road game of the season, Saturday against Miami, became a nightmarish replay of their upset loss to the Hurricanes a year ago. The task ahead of No. 23 Maryland (11-3, 1-1 in the ACC) now is to prevent their Atlantic Coast Conference season from spiraling away as it did in 2005.

The first step in that effort will be to beat Duke tonight in Durham, N.C. The odds are against them. The Blue Devils (14-0, 2-0 in the ACC) are the nation's top-ranked team and Cameron Indoor Stadium is arguably the toughest place to play in all of college basketball. But the Terrapins have beaten the Blue Devils three straight times dat-



FACE OFF: J.J. Redick has emerged as the face of Duke basketball over four years. In that time, though, he's struggled to defeat Maryland, which visits on Wednesday. SARAH DAVIS/AP

ing back to the 2004 ACC tournament.

Four in a row over Duke? That's the stuff campus couch fires are made of in College Park.

"We've played enough big games there where you're not intimidat-

ed," coach Gary Williams said. "Obviously, it's very difficult to win, especially at Cameron. If you're a college basketball player — like this time we're playing the No. 1 team in the country — that's a great thrill."

"You can't explain it sometimes why you play well against some teams and not against other teams."

Coach Gary Williams on the Terps' strong play vs. Duke while losing to lesser programs | [Today in Sports](#)

IN The Washington Post

Maryland will have to deal with sharpshooting guard J.J. Redick, Durham's unofficial poet laureate, on the outside and bruiser Sheldon Williams on the inside. The Terrapins will have to neutralize at least one to have a chance to win. But it's not that simple, Williams said.

"I think they're really a great example of a team that really plays well together," he said. "Obviously, Redick and Williams are great players, but at the same time they have a great blend of players that really play for each other and they work very hard. That's our job to try to match that level of intensity that Duke brings every game."

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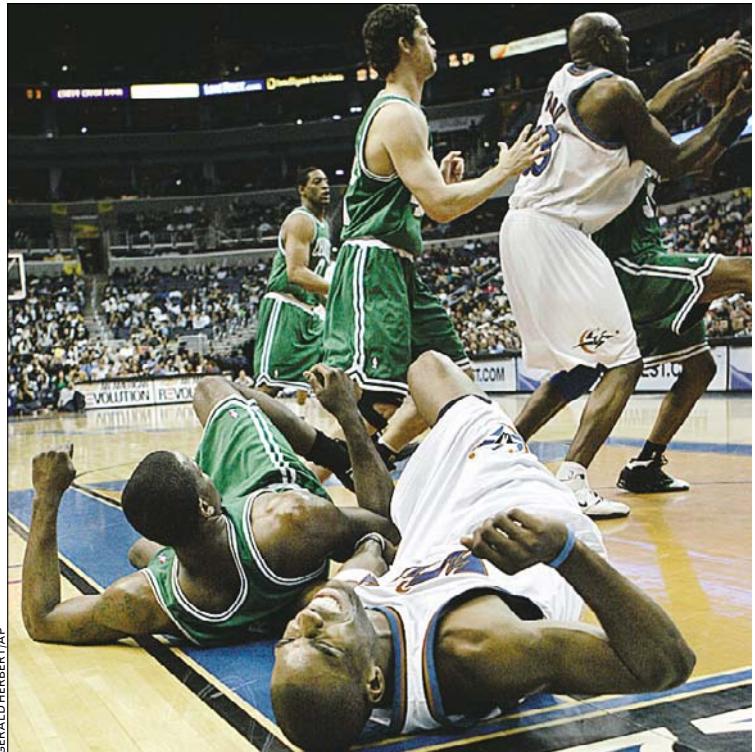
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Sports



The Washington Wizards have fallen on hard times since starting the season 5-1.

Slumping Wizards Try New Players

Coach Jordan shuffles the lineup in hopes of improving the defense

WIZARDS | The fallout from the Wizards most recent slump — that's five of six, for those of you still counting — is that fans will start to see a few newer faces on the court.

There are many things Washington has done wrong in floundering to a 13-19 record, but two things that are obvious are a simple unwillingness to play defense (now the fourth-worst in the league) and lack of energy on the court.

"We didn't have the energy. We didn't come out to ball. We have to do soul-searching now," said point guard Gilbert Arenas, who scored 14 points in the Wizards 97-87 loss Monday to the Utah Jazz.

As shown in the nearly 20 minutes of play logged by two rookies, point guard Donell Taylor and power forward Andray Blatche, coach Eddie Jordan is looking for that soul outside his usual lineups.

"We're going to try to get them some experience. We think they can help us," coach Eddie Jordan said. "It's just about development and growth and being in the NBA. It's about that time for them."

Eddie Jordan's job may be safe for now. But Jordan won't have it for long if his team doesn't start to play some defense."

Tony Kornheiser on the plight of the woeful Wizards | **Today in Sports**

IN **The Washington Post**

The Wizards need all the help they can get on defense.

Until they turn it around, even teams such as the conference-worst Atlanta Hawks (9-22), who come to take on Washington at the MCI Center Wednesday night, can count of having big days on offense.

And, no matter how weak an opponent may look on paper, Jordan said he's willing to spread the playing time around until players pick up their play.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)



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Sports

The Hall Calls for Sutter on 13th Try

Former closer is first pitcher to never start and receive top honor

BASEBALL | Bruce Sutter was elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday, just the fourth relief pitcher given baseball's highest honor.

Sutter, the first pitcher elected to the Hall with no career starts, was listed on 76.9 percent of the ballots cast by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The split-finger pioneer collected 400 of a record 520 ballots.

"It was a call that you always hope for, but you never really expect it to happen," Sutter said, adding that he cried when he received the notification.

Players needed 390 votes (75 percent) to gain election. Boston Red Sox slugger Jim Rice fell 53 short, finishing second with 337 votes (64.8 percent), one ahead of reliever Goose Gossage.

Sutter was on the ballot for the 13th time, the first player elected so late since Ralph Kiner in 1975. Rice was appearing for the 12th time and



RICHARD DREW/AP

Bruce Sutter made the split-fingered fastball a well-known pitch in baseball.

has three years remaining on the writers' ballot. Gossage was on the ballot for the seventh time.

It might be difficult for Rice and Gossage to gain votes next year, when Cal Ripken Jr., Tony Gwynn and Mark McGwire appear on the ballot for the first time.

The other players in the Hall who primarily were relievers are Hoyt Wilhelm (elected in 1985), Rollie Fingers (1992) and Dennis Eckersley (2004). RONALD BLUM (AP)

the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation after two sexual harassment complaints were made against him, is expected to continue appealing with hopes of coaching the U.S. team at the Turin Olympics next month.

He's scheduled to be interviewed by U.S. Olympic Committee officials later this week. The USOC has the final say on which athletes and coaches compose its delegation for the Turin Games. (AP)

Skeleton Coach's Penalty Is Upheld

OLYMPICS | A New York Supreme Court justice upheld U.S. skeleton coach Tim Nardiello's suspension Tuesday, denying his request to join his Olympics-bound team at this weekend's World Cup competition in Germany.

Nardiello, placed on paid administrative leave Dec. 31 by

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON CSN) Finally a team that the Wizards should beat comes to town in the form of the Atlanta Hawks.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON NEWSCHANNEL 8) Georgetown can improve to 3-0 in the Big East with a win over No. 16 West Virginia.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 23

Maryland can make it four wins in a row over No. 1 Duke.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 9 Indiana visits No. 14 Michigan State.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Notre Dame hosts Syracuse.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Texas A&M visits Oklahoma State.

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Entertainment

A GAY TIME AT THE PICTURES: The National Society of Film Critics is all about "Capote"—they voted it best film of last year—but critics who voted in the Critics' Choice awards chose "Brokeback Mountain" as best picture of 2005. Squeaker!



Thursday Night Fight

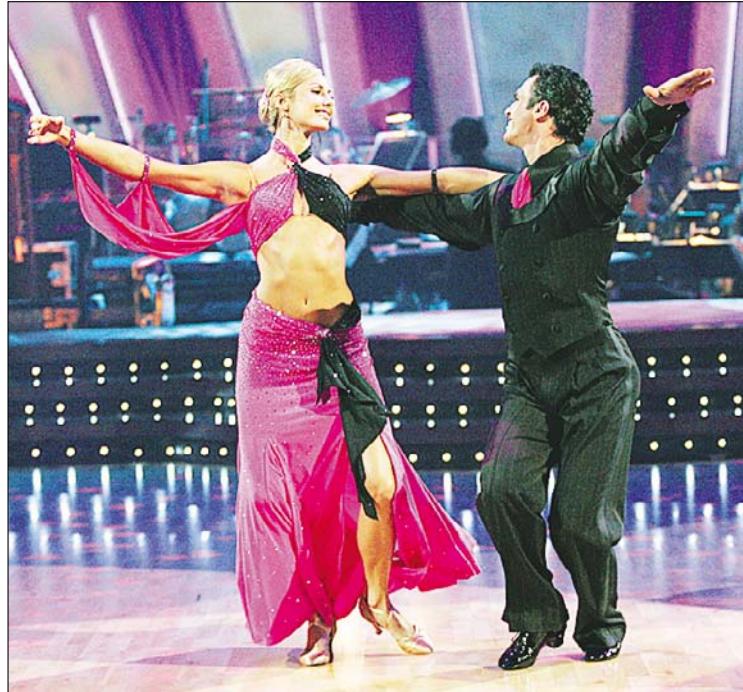
NBC struggles to convince viewers its lineup is still must-see

RATINGS | NBC has hatched a scheme to regain control of Americans' TV remotes on Thursday nights. But first it must cope with an insidious threat: George Hamilton doing the cha-cha.

NBC started the new year with a fresh Thursday lineup that sidelines "Joey" and Trump and serves up four comedies, including the acclaimed "My Name Is Earl," an import from Tuesdays, and the new ensemble sitcom "Four Kings." The idea is to get back to the network's "must-see" glory days, when "Seinfeld" and "Friends" ruled the roost.

But NBC's coming-out party was dampened somewhat by the two-hour premiere of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," last summer's surprise hit that now features Hamilton and other aging celebrities shimmying with dance champions.

While the NBC series held their own, the crowd-pleasing "Dancing" actually beat the sitcoms not just among total viewers but also among ages 18 to 49, the demographic advertisers care about most. But both networks saw their ratings dwarfed by CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,"



STEPPING ON THE COMPETITION: ABC's "Dancing," held its own against CBS' "CSI," top right, and NBC's "My Name Is Earl."

the night's No. 1 show.

Still, long-suffering NBC took solace from its performance. The quirky "The Office" with Steve Carell hit its highest rating ever. Early Friday morning, when the first ratings trickled in, NBC Entertainment President Kevin Reilly and his counterpart at ABC, Stephen McPherson, traded e-mails congratulating each other.

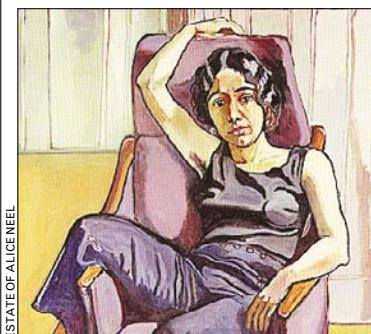
Reilly was clearly relieved that

his Thursday strategy delivered some promising results—and specifically, that "Earl," NBC's No. 1 new show, was down only slightly from its average rating on Tuesdays.

ABC had plenty to feel good about as well, given that "Dancing" nearly tripled its customary ratings on Thursday nights, a night the low-rated "Alias" and "Night Stalker" haven't generated much traction.



DANCING: ABC; CSI: CBS; EARL: NBC
ESTATE OF ALICE NEEL



Alice Neel's 1972 painting "Marxist Girl (Irene Pasikas)" is up now at NMWA.

Alice Neel's Women: The Feminine Touch

The painter Alice Neel's career spanned the 20th century and disproved the adage that artists aren't recognized until they're dead—she even chatted with Johnny Carson. This retrospective closes Sunday.

National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW, \$8; 202-783-7996. (Metro Center)

Kate Michelman: Voice for Choice

Former president of NARAL Pro-Choice America Kate Michelman discusses her new memoir: "With Liberty and Justice for All: A Life Spent Protecting the Right to Choose."

Women's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, 6 p.m., free; 202-232-7363. (Dupont Circle)

Carly Phillips: Bedtime Reading

Best-selling romance novelist Carly Phillips' books are, of course, all "supple curves" and "unexpected jolts of desire." Who can resist? The former attorney will be interviewed tonight by English professor Pamela Regis.

S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW, 6:30, \$28; 202-252-0012. (Smithsonian)

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Artsy and Crafty Beats

Blackalicious' Gab has plenty to say and he says it so well

MUSIC | Gift of Gab is an apt name for Blackalicious MC Timothy Parker, who spits out rhymes with the flow and self-aware wit of someone who loves to hear himself talk. Fortunately, he's well worth listening to on "The Craft" (Anti), Blackalicious' third album.

Like the California duo's previ-

ous albums, "The Craft" is loaded with sophisticated lyrics and creative backing tracks from producer/DJ Chief Xcel, who augments synthesizers and programmed beats with looped piano vamps, meaty guitars and strings.

Gift of Gab rhymes with a socially conscious air on "Supreme People" and visits the creative process on "My Pen and Pad." He's generous about sharing the microphone, too. George Clinton rasps on "Lotus Flower," Floetry shows up



Gab and Chief Xcel can uplift or amuse.

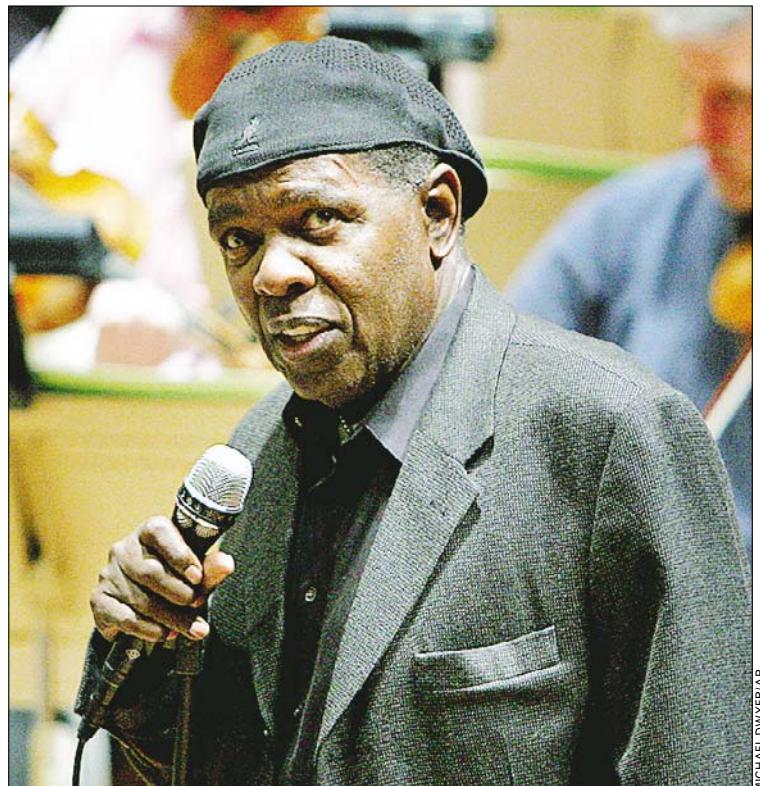
on "Automatique" and Lifesavas help out on "Your Move."

That's a lot of potential moral uplift for one record, but Blackalicious never lets things get too serious. The comedic "Side to Side" bounces on bass chords from a piano as Gift of Gab and guest MCs Lateef and Pigeon John recount a night at the club fending off a sketchy drunk girl.

Gab also declines to take credit for his skill as a rapper. "God writes these rhymes through me/I just listen to him," he raps on "World of Vibrations." It's a humble notion that shows how seriously Blackalicious takes its "Craft." ERIC R. DANTON
(THE HARTFORD COURANT)



Entertainment



YOU'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER VOICE LIKE HIS: The soul and R&B singer died of lung cancer on Friday; he is to be laid to rest at a church in Los Angeles this week.

Lou Rawls' Last Song

The Rev. Jesse Jackson will preside at the singer's funeral

APPRECIATION | Civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson will lead last rites Friday for Lou Rawls, the velvet-voiced singer of "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" and "Lady Love" who died of cancer last week.

The funeral will be held at the West Angeles Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles with Jackson officiating, Rawls family spokesman Paul Shefrin said Monday. Burial will be private.

On Thursday, a public viewing will be held at Angelus Funeral Home.

The family requested that instead of flowers, donations be made to the United Negro College

Fund. A longtime activist, Rawls played a major role in UNCF telethons, which began as "Lou Rawls' Parade of Stars" and have raised more than \$200 million through the years. The singer often visited and performed at historically black colleges.

Rawls died of lung cancer Jan. 6 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was hospitalized last month for treatment of lung and brain cancer. Rawls' family and Shefrin said the singer was 72, although other records indicate he was 70.

The entertainer's last UNCF telethon, recorded in September, aired in the U.S. over the weekend.

Hits from Rawls' 52 albums included "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing," "Your Good Thing (Is About to End)" and "Natural Man." (AP)



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FIVE-RING CIRCUS: Turin Olympics numbers: NBC Universal plans 416 hours of coverage; host Bob Costas returns for his sixth Olympics; TV coverage will average 24 and a half hours a day—that's spread over six stations, not a rip in the space-time continuum.

Horror Picture Show

It's terror in the rec room with this trio of creepy video games

HAUNTED HOUSE | There are subtle video fright-fests out there for those of us who don't need to see heads exploding to get scared. Such games may not appeal to the player who needs to find action around every corner; they can be deliberatively paced, making their terrifying moments all the more shocking when they do happen.

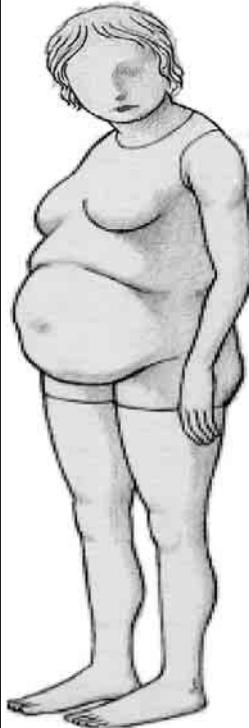
These will keep you on the edge of your seat.



SLOW BUT DEADLY: In "Call of Cthulhu," you're a PI who fights zombified humans.

serial killer, but it's not long before the killer frames Thomas for the murder of two cops. Thomas goes on the lam, running from the police while chasing the killer through a dark, urban underworld. "Condemned" has incredible attention to detail, but the good spooky fun soon gives way to repetitious gameplay.

→ FATAL FRAME III: THE TORMENTED (TECMO, FOR PLAYSTATION 2): Photographer Rei Kurosawa stumbles upon a house in her dreams, and she can only exorcise its ghosts by taking their pictures. Much of the fear comes from things half-seen or half-heard. "The Tormented" has some debilitating technical issues, but its thought-provoking plot (a somber consideration of survivor's guilt) makes it a must for any J-horror buff. LOU KESTEN (AP)



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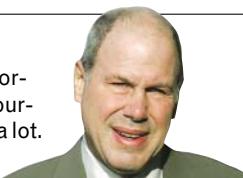


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BRIEF ENCOUNTER: In a move that experts — well, we — described as “weird,” former Disney chief Michael Eisner, will become host of his own CNBC show. The hour-long interview program will air once every two months, which seems, frankly, like a lot.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

NOW WE'RE FOUND

LOST (ABC) Fans, rejoice — new, or newish, “Lost” episodes debut tonight after a thirsty winter hiatus. At 8 p.m., we see the Tailies’ POV of the fateful crash and how they rallied afterward. And at 9 p.m., Charlie’s secret dirty little secret, known to all viewers, is finally revealed to the Losties via Mr. Eko’s interrogation. Bad Charlie! No Turniphead!

PICK ME; I'M A GEEK!

The WB presents a tasty teaser of the most charming reality show on the air with a casting special for the socially challenged guys and intellectually underachieving girls of **BEAUTY AND THE GEEK** (9 p.m., WB).

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SOUTH BEACH (8 p.m., UPN) Less a ripoff



MATCH MADE: Bikinis meet brains on the WB's “Beauty and the Geek.”

of “The O.C.” than it is an attempt to revive the frothy hotel antics of the late “North Beach,” this new series revolves around a fictional Miami called the Soleil and various hot-bodied folks’ intramural activities. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

Try This at Home

The ‘Mythbuster’s’ four little words: Let’s test that theory

RETURN | “Mythbusters” (9 p.m., Discovery) is back for another season of testing urban legends and common assumptions with laboratory know-how.

Between them, hosts Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage have more than three decades of experience building models and other special effects for Hollywood movies. They can build anything, but they really enjoy blowing stuff up.

They not only take painstaking



EXPERIMENTS IN TERROR: Huge funnel + styrofoam balls = guy fun.

care in scientific deconstruction (and plain old destruction), but they can’t help laughing as they go along. They make a strong (if slightly demented) argument that geeks have more fun.

In tonight’s episode, they test the “legend” that a prisoner devised a crossbow out of newspapers, a cafeteria tray and the elastic in his underwear and used it to kill a fellow inmate. Jamie and Adam devise their own crossbows in their laboratory and have way too much fun shooting it at their test dummy.

Their helpers put other urban legends to the test. Does vodka work as mouthwash? Will it take the smoky smell out of your clothes or fend off a bee attack? You’ll just have to tune in. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WRC (4)	News (CC)		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	E-Ring “Breath of Allah” (N) (O) (CC)		The Biggest Loser: Special Edition		Law & Order “Family Friend” (N) (O)		News (CC)	Tonight Show
WTTG (5)	Seinfeld (O) (CC)	The Simpsons (O)	The Simpsons (O)	Seinfeld (O) (CC)	That ‘70s Show	Stacked (N) (CC)	Nanny 911 “Graham Family” (N) (O)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends (O) (CC)
WJLA (7)	News (CC)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost	The first 48 days on the island.	Lost “The 23rd Psalm” (N) (O) (CC)		Invasion “Us or Them” (N) (O) (CC)		News (CC)	(35) Nightline
WUSA (9)	News (CC)	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Still Standing (N)	Yes, Dear (N) (O)	Criminal Minds “What Fresh Hell?”		CSI: NY “Dancing With the Fishes” (O)		News (CC)	Late Show
WDCA (20)	That ‘70s Show	That ‘70s Show	Friends (O) (CC)	Every-Raymond	South Beach “Pilot; I’m Not Your Baby” (Series Premiere) (N) (O) (CC)				The Tyra Banks Show (CC)		Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Nova (O) (CC) (DVS)			Walking the Bible (N) (CC)		Frontline	The boys search to find meaning and belonging amid their burdens.	Washington Wk	Charlie Rose (N)
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Walking the Bible (N) (CC)		Frontline	The boys search to find meaning and belonging amid their burdens.				
WHUT (32)	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley (O)	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. “Family Fundamentals” (O) (CC)		Unlikely Frnd		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (O)	Charlie Rose (N) (O) (CC)	
WBDC (50)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (O)	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	One Tree Hill “Brave New World” (N)		Beauty and the Geek (N) (O) (CC)		Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace (O)
BASIC CABLE												
A&E	American Justice	Cold Case Files “Soft Kill; Unsolved”	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked (CC)	Inked (N) (CC)	Rollergirls “No Plain Jane” (CC)		Crossing Jordan “Devil May Care” (O)			
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (CC)	The Most Extreme Shrew; gorilla.	New Breed Vets “Tsunami” (CC)		Animal Report	Animal Rescue	Animal Precinct “Body of Evidence”		New Breed Vets “Tsunami” (CC)			
BET	106 & Park: BET’s Top 10 Live	Music Special	The Parkers (O)	The Parkers (O)	Girlfriends (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Soul Food (O) (CC)		In Living Color (O)	In Living Color (O)		
Bravo	Project Runway “Social Scene” (CC)	The West Wing “An Khe” (O) (CC)	Project Runway Lingerie designs.		Project Runway “Social Scene” (CC)		Project Runway “Window Shopping”		Project Runway “Window Shopping”			
Comedy	(5:00) ★★ “Moving” (1998) (CC)	Com.-Presents Reno 911! (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle’s Show	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC)	Drawn Together	Daily Show	Colbert Report		
Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops (O) (CC)	Cops (O) (CC)	Texas SWAT	Texas SWAT	Forensic Files (N)	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Parco P.I.	I, Detective
Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (CC)	Extreme Engineering (CC)	Superships Car ferries, (N)	MythBusters “Paper Crossbow” (N)		Stunt Junkies	Survorman (N)	Dirty Jobs	Marble quarry.		
DISCH	Paramedics “For Better, or Worse”	Trauma: Life in the ER (CC)	Big John: One Year Later (CC)	627 Lb Woman: Jackie’s Story (CC)			Half Ton Man (CC)		Big John: One Year Later (CC)			
Disney	Sister, Sister (O)	Phil of the Future	That’s So Raven That’s So Raven	★ ★ “Brink!” (1998, Adventure) Erik von Detten, Christina Vidal. (CC)			Life With Derek	Sister, Sister (O)	That’s So Raven That’s So Raven			
E!	50 Cutest Child Stars All Grown Up	E! News (N)	E! News	The Baldwins—True Hollywood	Dr. 90210		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Saturday Night Live (O) (CC)			
FX	King of the Hill (O)	King of the Hill (O)	That ‘70s Show	That ‘70s Show	★★ “Undisputed” (2002, Drama) Wesley Snipes, Ving Rhames. Premiere.		That ‘70s Show	That ‘70s Show	★★ “Undisputed” (2002, Drama)			
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Kitchen Trends	I Want That! (N)	Buy Me (N) (O)	Cash in the Attic	House Hunters	What You Get	Dream House	FreeStyle
Family	7th Heaven “Nobody Knows...” (CC)	Smallville “Rosetta” (O) (CC)		“The Sandlot 2” (2005, Comedy) James Earl Jones, Cole Evan Weiss. (CC)			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)			
History	Perfect Crimes? (CC)	Modern Marvels: Gold Mines (CC)	Rubber Rubber. (CC)	Modern Marvels: Metal (CC)			Modern Marvels: Fire “Fire” (CC)		The Cavemen (CC)			
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	“A Woman Hunted” (2003, Drama) Alexandra Paul, Linden Ashby. (CC)		“The Wrong Girl” (1999) Barbara Mandrell, Jonathan Scarfe. (CC) (DVS)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace (O)		
MTV	My Own (N) (O)	Room Raiders (N) (CC)	Direct Effect (O)	Next (O)	Next (O)	Next (O)	MTV Cribs (N) (O)	Made “Miss Teen Arizona” (O)	R. Wld Chal.			
NICK	All Grown Up (O)	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Unfabulous (CC)	Fresh Prince	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	The Cosby Show	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 “Meridian” (O) (CC)		★ “Tremors 4: The Legend Begins” (2004, Horror) Michael Gross. (CC)		★★ “Tremors 3: Back to Perfection” (2001, Action) Michael Gross. (CC)			★ ★ “Firestarter: Rekindled” (2002)				
SPIKE	World’s Wildest Police Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (O)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (O)		★★ “Ghostbusters II” (1989) Bill Murray. Premiere. A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth. (O)							
TBS	Seinfeld (O) (CC)	Seinfeld (O) (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy-America (O) Zoolander			
TLC	Martha Vanessa Williams. (N) (CC)	The New Detectives “Family Plots”	The New Detectives (CC)	Psychic Witness (CC)			Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends		The New Detectives (CC)			
TNT	Charmed “Bite Me” (O) (CC)	Law & Order “Carrier” (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order “Killerz” (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order “Charm City” (O)			Homicide: Life on the Street (O)		Las Vegas (O) (CC)			
USA	(5:00) ★ “A Man Apart” (2003) (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (O)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)			
VHI	I Love the ‘80s: 3D “Three Amigos.”	I Love the ‘80s: 3D “Moonstruck.” (O)	I Love the ‘80s: 3D “1988” (O)	I Love the ‘80s: 3D “1989” (O)			Celebrity Fit Club (O)		Embarrassing Moments 2 (O)			
SPAN												
TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemdo	La Tormenta	El Cuerpo del Deseo	Corazón Partido	Decisiones	Decisiones		Noti-Telemdo	Laura		
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SPORTS												
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	College Basketball Indiana at Michigan State. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball Maryland at Duke. (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly	College Basketball Syracuse at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball Texas A&M at Oklahoma State. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball			
CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite (CC)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards. From MCI Center in Washington, D.C.		Wizards Post.	SportsNite (Live) (CC)			Maryland	Best-Sports		
NEWS												
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)	The Situation Room (Live)	Paula Zahn Now (CC)	Larry King Live (CC)			Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)					
FNC	Special Report (Live) (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O’Reilly Factor (Live) (CC)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (CC)	On the Record-Van Susteren				The O’Reilly Factor			
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball (CC)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct			Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson			
MOVIES												
AMC	(5:15) ★★★ “Octopussy” (1983, Adventure) Roger Moore. ‘PG’ (CC)		★★★ “For Your Eyes Only” (1981, Adventure) Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet, Topol. ‘PG’ (CC)					(45) ★★★ “Live and Let Die” (1973) Roger Moore. ‘PG’				
TCM	★★★ “The Glass Bottom Boat” (1966, Comedy) Doris Day. ‘NR’ (CC) (DVS)		★★ “The Big Heat” (1953, Drama) Glenn Ford, Gloria Grahame. ‘NR’		★★★ “The Big Sleep” (1946, Mystery) Humphrey Bogart. ‘NR’ (CC) (DVS)							
HBO	★★ “The Addams Family” (1991) Anjelica Huston. (CC)	(45) ★★★ “The Terminal” (2004, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Stanley Tucci. ‘PG-13’ (CC)			Inside the NFL (N) (O) (CC)			The Sopranos (O) (CC)				
MAX	(05) ★★★ “Assault on Precinct 13” (2005) Ethan Hawke. ‘O’ (R) (CC)		★★ “Magnum Force” (1973, Drama) Clint Eastwood. ‘O’ (R) (CC)	(45) SHO Me 1st	★★★ “Sideways” (2004, Comedy-Drama) Paul Giamatti. ‘O’ (R) (CC)							
SHOW	D: Mighty D. (25) ★ “Teaching Mrs. Tingle” (1999) Helen Mirren. (CC)		★★★ “Gods and Monsters” (1998) Ian McKellen. ‘R’	(45) SHO Me 1st	The L Word Bette and Tina rekindle. (Boxing: Bell vs. Mormeck							
TCM	United-Leland (35) ★★ “The Waiting Game” (2000) Will Arnett. ‘NR’		★ “National Lampoon’s Going to the Distance” (2004) ‘NR’	(45) ★ “National Lampoon’s Dumb Daze” (2003) Tatyana Ali. ‘O’ (R) (CC)	School of Rock							
STARZ!	(5:45) ★★★ “Ghosts of the Abyss” (2003) (O) ‘PG’ (CC)	(20) ★★ “Wimbledon” (2004) Kirsten Dunst. ‘O’ ‘PG-13’ (CC)	★★ “Hitch” (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith. ‘O’ ‘PG-13’ (CC)					(05) ★★ “After the Sunset” (2004)				
ENCORE	(15) ★★★ “While You Were Sleeping” (1995) Sandra Bullock. ‘O’ ‘PG’ (CC)		★★ “The Alamo” (2004) Dennis Quaid. Outnumbered Texans fight to secede from Mexico. (CC)		★★ “Rounders” (1998, Drama) Matt Damon. ‘O’ ‘R’ (CC)							

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Operators chart new directions in wake of Supreme Court ruling

Weeks before the original Napster shut down for good in 2001, Internet users were flocking to alternative song-swapping programs. Nearly 20 million people used Morpheus in its first four months, for example, to trade music and other files for free online.

But the man behind Morpheus was worried. Michael Weiss figured popularity could bring its own perils.

As he feared, the notoriety led Hollywood studios and recording companies to sue Weiss' company StreamCast for copyright infringement. It was part of the entertainment industry's wider effort to contain Napster clones from taking up where Napster left off.

Now, like Napster founder Shawn Fanning before them, Weiss

and other file-sharing barons are facing their own day of reckoning after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision last summer.

Over the last four months, several Napster heirs have shut down and others are contemplating what they once couldn't abide — doing business by the entertainment industry's rules to survive.

"We can take a look at another four years of legal battles and spending millions of dollars on both sides, (but) is that where I want to spend the next four years of my life?" said

Weiss. "It's better to focus the company's energy on creating new technologies."

StreamCast hasn't shut down Morpheus, but the company recently approached the entertainment industry to pursue talks about settling a lawsuit against the company.

Wayne Rosso, who built a rep-

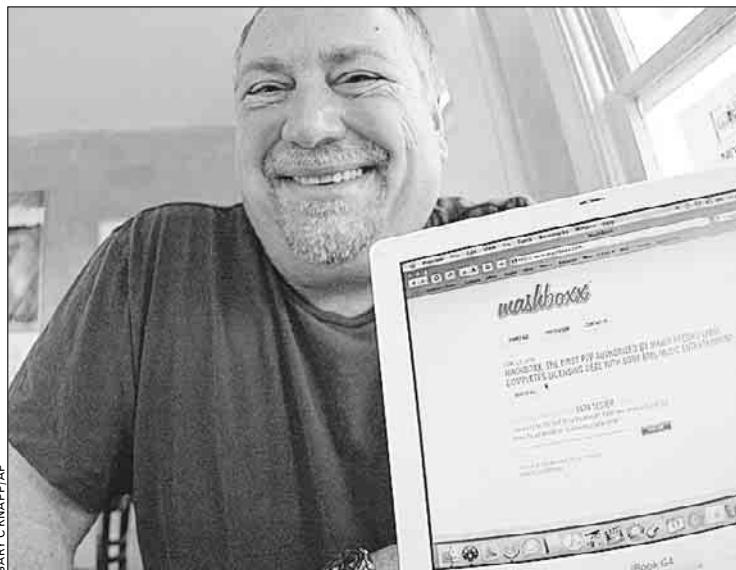
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NEW FILE: Wayne Rosso moved on from Grokster to industry-friendly Mashboxx.

Open Source Changing Course

utation criticizing the recording industry as head of Grokster, is also pursuing a decidedly more cordial relationship with music labels as he prepares to launch a copyright-

friendly file-sharing service.

"It's pretty clear who won," Rosso said. Such capitulation was once unheard of among the file-sharing operators who lobbied against

Hollywood and the recording industry. They billed themselves as defenders of technological innovation who shouldn't be held liable because some people used their software for piracy.

But the high court's ruling in June opened file-sharing operators to potential liability — something the entertainment industry underscored when it sent notices to seven file-sharing software operators in September warning them to shut down or prepare for court.

Companies behind once-popular file-swapping programs such as i2hub and WinMX shut down after receiving the notice. LimeWire, BearShare and others also put on notice have yet to make their decisions public.

Separately, an Australian court ordered the distributor of Kazaa to ensure that new versions of the software filter out unlicensed copyright material.

Still, the amount of file-sharing has continued to increase since the days of Napster, and that's not likely to change much, said Eric Garland of BigChampagne, which tracks activity on file-sharing networks.

"These Web sites and these businesses were shut down but it doesn't shut down the software," Garland said. ALEX VEIGA (AP)



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Going Places

Competitive mapping services offer more than just directions

You can pull up satellite and aerial images, discover neighborhood jazz clubs and check the latest traffic conditions. You can even get some rail schedules and, hopefully one day, tips on foot and bike trails through parks.

These days, digital maps offer much more than just directions.

And, as features get added, mapping companies are having to build better technologies and find better sources of data — including their own users.

For example, Microsoft is working on a mechanism that would have avid mountain bikers collectively plot good trails. Yahoo is appealing to its users to add information on businesses and places of interest; it also recently bought Upcoming.org, a collaborative calendar of events.

"More and more data has to become available to provide these kinds of great offerings," said



Yahoo maps manager Jeremy Kreitler said they check out directions themselves.

paid for each map consumers generate. Christian Dwyer, MapQuest's director of operations, estimates that driving directions cost his company a penny apiece and a static map much less — expenses recouped through sales of ads displayed at the site.

To set themselves apart, mapping providers must decide individually which of the various attributes provided by Navteq and Tele Atlas to emphasize: Is speed limit more important than distance? Would it make sense to take a highway for just one exit?

MapQuest, for instance, assigns scores to various route alternatives based on number of turns, distance and other factors and, unless you tell

even if the information is readily available.

Yahoo employs consumer focus groups to help it figure out the proper balance. It also dispatches motorist guinea pigs onto the road with driv-

These kinds of information will come from people around local areas contributing."

JEREMY KREITLER
YAHOO PRODUCT MANAGER, MAPS

ing directions, while employees tag along and watch how they fare.

"This is where it's more art than science," Kreitler said.

The basics have changed little since MapQuest's site opened nearly a decade ago. But engineers still have much work to do on just the driving directions, said Bret Taylor, who oversees Google's mapping products.

"Our long-term goal is to have our product give directions that are as good as the taxi driver," he said.

ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

On The Map

Jeremy Kreitler, Yahoo's senior product manager for maps.

Online mapping is hot and highly competitive. Nielsen/NetRatings recorded a 28 percent jump in visitors this year.

Microsoft, Yahoo, MapQuest

and Google get their primary data from two companies, Navteq and Tele Atlas NV, both of which aggressively canvass the nation's highways and byways to keep their databases complete and accurate.

Data companies are typically

its software engine to avoid all highways, it presents the route with the lowest score.

Mapping companies also must decide how much information to provide. Zoom out, and data on local streets only clutter the map,

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DO NOT LET THE HIPSTER VENEER fool you. American Apparel may have succeeded in making a hot indie commodity out of simple, plain-colored T-shirts, but it's all marketing, baby. Provided they can tolerate the large mural of a man's hairy armpits behind the cash register, the squarest squares from Squaresville can safely stock up on soft, sturdy basics at AA's new Metro Center outpost.

STYLE: This is Willy Wonka's chocolate factory for T-shirt freaks. Well near everything is made of T-shirt: Scarves, skirts, baby clothes, bras and more. About a third of the space is dedicated to permutations of the woman's tee, from the standard cut to various embellishments (shirring, puffy sleeves, turtlenecks). The riskier women's items are well-suited to Jazzercise (unitards, legwarmers, bodysuits) and 1970s soft-core porn (teeny lamé bikinis, velour rompers, short-short gym shorts). Because there are only so many shapes a man's T-shirt can be, the guy's section is on the edgy end of basic, with dorky-cute terrycloth polos and shiny windbreakers.

PRICE: As a longtime owner of many AA shirts, I can say with confidence that both the color and the cloth hold up well, even



Mystery Shopper

↑ Trick a dorky boy into style with basics that carry just a hint of the trendy: A **NYLON TAFFETA WINDBREAKER** (\$42) and a short-sleeved **SHIRT WITH CONTRAST STITCHING** (\$32). Goodbye yuppie scum, hello Seth Cohen.



↑ A soft, drapey **JERSEY SKIRT** (\$30) will flatter hips and bottoms that can't pull off the store's clingier designs. Try the dresses, too, but be warned: The "one size fits all" designation IS A LIE.



↓ Is D.C. really ready for the return of the **VELOUR ROMPER** (\$38), a one-piece number that combines short-shorts and tube tops? Not everyone can pull it off, but it's better than capri pants.

Time for Tee

***** D.C. should cotton to American Apparel

when thrown in the dryer. The cost of the items — most from \$15 to \$40 — is worth it.

SERVICE: It's a new concept in service: Non-service! Each visit found a single person manning the counter, with no one on the floor. I was never greeted, though one sullen sort said "Yeah?" when confronted with an item I wished to purchase. My questions were answered based on personal experience; one salesperson didn't know what size a "2" bra

was, she explained, because she'd never bought a bra from the store before. AA's sizing charts, some of the best in the business, were not offered. I prefer hands-off service, but this was a bit peculiar.

BUREAUCRACY: Full refund with receipt.

MINUS POINTS: The tallest racks are prohibitively high and the dressing room lighting is harsh and fugly.

BOTTOM LINE: Take the clothes, leave the attitude.

Beauty**Shine, Not Blind**

One would think chrome lipcoloring would be appropriate only for the Tin Man. No! says MAC. Starting Thursday, you can pick up **CHROMEGLASS** (\$16, maccosmetics.com), which neatly splits the difference between the company's typical lipsticks and the chic-but-goopy Lipglass. The color shimmers without glittering and lasts hours through normal wear (although say goodbye if you eat or drink anything). This tester was plagued with feathering into the area around the lips, but that was easily solved with lip liner. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Weird Stuff**Brake for Flowers**

The newest addition to the ever-growing list of Things That Are Kind of Stupid, But Which We Must Have Anyway is the **JINNOO CAR FLOWER VASE** (blue, red or gray, \$13, vase4car.com). The 2.5 by 6 inch vase fits all standard cupholders, and can also stand by itself for use in the home. It's made of high-impact plastic for those who are a bit too heavy on the brakes, and it adds that homey touch for those of us who spend half our lives in the car. It's probably healthier than a Big Gulp, too, though we're not telling you to eat flowers or anything. K.P.K.

LOOK out Voices



Baggage Check

ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

Curse of the Roving Eyes

My girlfriend is constantly checking out other guys when we're together. I know this doesn't sound like the typical male problem, and I'm almost embarrassed to be writing about it. Should I even bother fighting this? I don't care if she looks at other guys, but she really stares and sometimes even makes comments about how hot someone is, which just irritates me. —IRKED BOYFRIEND, D.C.

What will she do next, leave the toilet seat up?

It's generally pretty inconsiderate for someone to be doing this to their mate. Often times it's a subtly aggressive act, a way to remind someone they're not as physically desirable as certain other "options" out there. Now that's romantic! As I'd urge you to do with any relationship issue, open the lines of communication and let her know how annoying/hurtful/unappealing you find the Great American Hottie Watch to be. She may be willing to change, she may not, but it's certainly not the hallmark of a healthy relationship to be suffering in silence. Oh, and have that conversation at home. You want her to actually listen to what you're saying, which I'm guessing isn't as likely when she's drooling.

I was dumped by my boyfriend in early September and I was an emotional wreck until he came back in mid-October, begging for forgiveness. Despite all the advice

I received, I took him back. He dumped me again two weeks later. Now he's back again, telling me he's very confused, he doesn't know what got into him, I'm the woman he wants to marry and he'll never do it again. I know the right decision may seem obvious, but I feel I will never love this way again. Just to know I can have him back has made my life brighter and happier. Do you think he is sincere? Should I give him another chance? —ANONYMOUS

So he's "very confused" and acting erratically, but somehow he's clear-headed enough to be "sure" that he wants to get married. Throw in a few martinis and some bad slot pulls and hey, you're ready for Vegas!

Everyone has a different threshold for how many chances to give someone who's disappointed them, from the "once bitten, twice shy" crowd to poor Charlie Brown and his football. I can't tell you where your line-drawing should occur — there's a chance he'll shape up this time, and there's a chance he'll break your heart a dozen times more. I can tell you that the more you depend on him for your happiness, the higher your risk if he should once again develop a case of the heebie-jeebies. You fear you may not love this way again. Well, some have felt that way about heroin. What's more important is how you're being loved. At the end of the day, you'll be happiest if you're with someone you can trust not to jerk you around.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

Letters

Fix Station Announcements

I DON'T THINK METRO'S "doors closing" voice is a problem (Letters, Jan. 9). It's the other communication when you leave or arrive

—JOHN F. AMER JR.
Washington, D.C.

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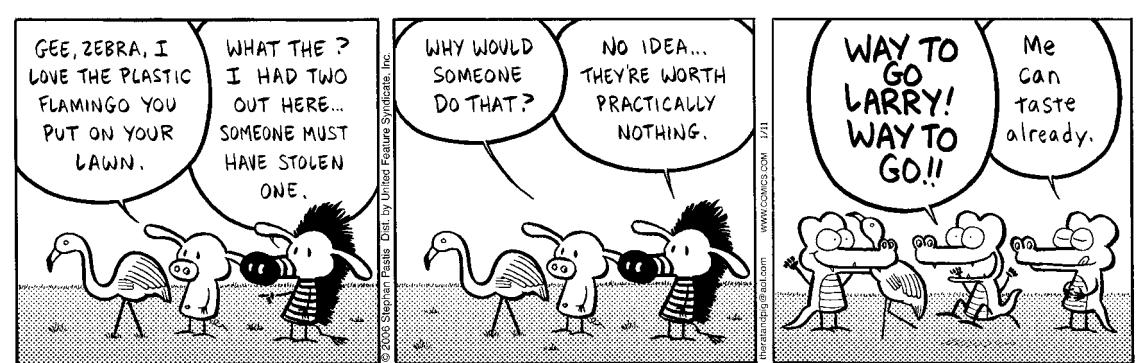


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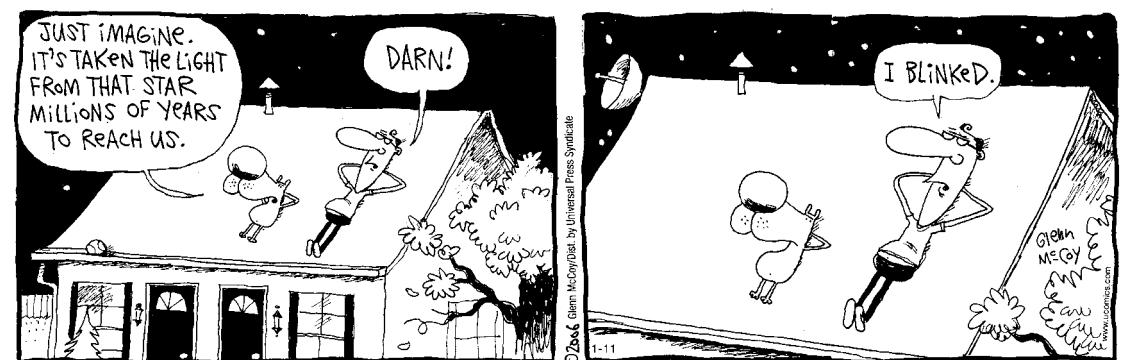
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A SIGN, OR NOT, FROM BRITNEY

Did she and The Federjerk have a big argument in Las Vegas? Is the ring and marriage off for good? We can only hope! Pray, people. Pray!"

PEREZHILTON.COM NOTICED PHOTOS OF BRITNEY SPEARS HIDING HER RING FINGER FROM VIEW OF CAMERAS, AND HOPES THAT SHE AND HUSBAND KEVIN FEDERLINE HAVE SPLIT.

THE Blog LOG

RUDE AWAKENINGS

"Reason #8 why 2006 sucks so bad already: Waking up to David Lee Roth instead of Howard Stern in the morning. The difference is absolute, dramatic and abysmal."

LIVEJOURNAL.COM/USERS/SOLIPSIAE IS SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF SHOCK JOCK HOWARD STERN TO SATELLITE RADIO.

FOUR GREEN WHAT?

"... [A]pparently the new owner thought it would be a brilliant idea to rename it.... Why not just throw up a Bennigan's...?"

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R.I.P., CYCLOPS CAT

I feel sorry for it ... but seriously, it's like looking into my soul with that eye.

LIVEJOURNAL.COM/COMMUNITY/TEKNOLOHIYA ON CY, THE ONE-EYED KITTEN THAT WAS REPORTEDLY BORN IN OREGON IN DECEMBER AND LIVED FOR ONLY ONE DAY. SOME ALLEGED THE PHOTO, GIVEN TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY THE CAT'S OWNER, WAS ALTERED.



DO be proactive with complaints about D.C. taxicabs. Ticked off that fares are going up again? Wondering why every trip to Arlington costs a different amount? Get lots of info, and find productive ways to air your grievances, at the Citizens for a Better D.C. Taxicab System blog (dctaxicabs.blogspot.com).

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Today
Mild, rain, drizzle
55°



Tonight
Evening rain, fog late
46°



Thursday
Partly sunny, turning warmer
62° / 46°



Friday
Mostly cloudy, then thundery rain
64° / 40°

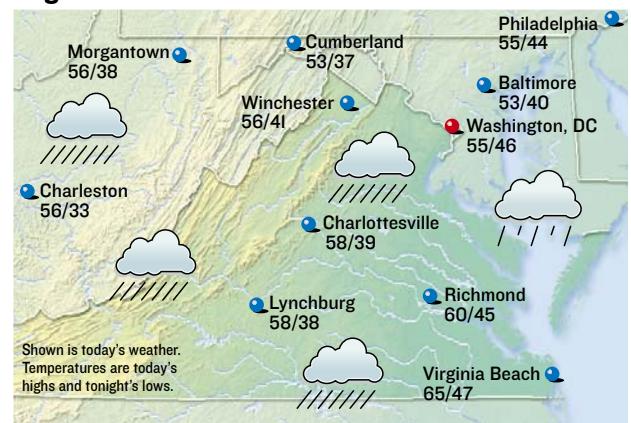


Saturday
Partly sunny, windy, colder
46° / 32°



Sunday
Partly sunny, seasonably cold
44° / 30°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	50°
Low	41°
Normal high	42°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	64%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.46"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	0.46"
Last year to date	0.33"
Normal year to date	1.04"

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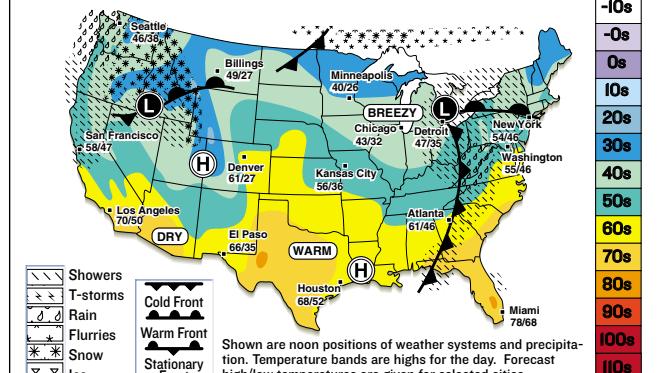
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, mild, rain at times. High 55. Wind south-southeast 8-16 mph. Tonight, evening rain, partly cloudy, foggy, mild. Low 46.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:06 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:26 p.m.
Moonset today 5:26 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, January 11



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	61/46/sh	69/52/s
Boston	50/40/sh	52/38/pc
Chicago	43/32/r	48/32/pc
Dallas	70/47/s	80/42/s
Denver	61/27/pc	46/17/pc
Honolulu	82/70/s	81/70/s
Los Angeles	70/50/p	70/50/s
Miami	78/68/pc	79/69/sh
New York City	54/46/r	50/44/pc
Orlando	78/58/pc	78/60/pc
Seattle	46/38/sh	46/42/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	43/37/r	43/36/pc
Athens	46/37/sh	44/39/sh
Berlin	39/29/pc	38/31/sh
Buenos Aires	81/65/t	77/67/t
Calgary	31/16/pc	33/12/c
Dublin	47/39/pc	50/43/r
Geneva	37/27/pc	37/28/pc
Moscow	29/23/c	25/19/c
Rome	52/36/pc	52/34/s
Sydney	90/70/t	79/68/sh
Tokyo	46/34/pc	45/34/dc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

get enough sleep. It will be impossible for you to accomplish all you have to do without the proper rest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have a tendency to be crabby and unreasonable with those around you. Remember it is nothing but a mood swing; it will pass.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be careful not to lecture others too much. You may find you can get much further with more carefully chosen words.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone needs your help with something work-related. Roll up your sleeves and dive right in; you have a lot to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Though it is in your nature to avoid rudeness in all situations, this may present a challenge. Speak your mind, but avoid anger.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be careful what you say to people; misunderstanding can lead to trouble—and you may not even be aware of it until it is too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel like jumping into something new with reckless abandon. It would be best to weigh options and make a careful choice.



People



Rowling discusses her mother's death.

HARRY POTTER**Children Pause Thoughtfully**

Author **J.K. ROWLING** said in an interview published Tuesday that her mother's death led her to make her hero suffer the death of his own parents. Rowling said part of the pain of losing her mother, Anne, who died in 1990 at the age of 45 after fighting multiple sclerosis, was that she never knew her daughter was writing the books. (AP)

DRUGS**Did Mr. Kate Moss Maybe Do Drugs, Too? Nah.**

PETE DOHERTY has been charged with possession of cocaine and heroin, London police said Tuesday. The 26-year-old front-man for the group Babyshambles was arrested Nov. 30 and formally charged Monday. Doherty — whose on-off relationship with supermodel Kate Moss has made him a regular in the tabloids — was scheduled to appear Wednesday at Ealing Magistrates Court in west London, police said. (AP)

**DENIALS****'I'm Not Bulimic'**

LINDSAY LOHAN is "appalled" by a *Vanity Fair* article released last week in which she confessed to dabbling in drugs and battling bulimia. In a statement released Tuesday to *Teen People*, Lohan denied having bulimia and said, "The words that I gave to the writer for *Vanity Fair* were misused and misconstrued, and I'm appalled with the way it was done." *Vanity Fair*, in a statement of its own, stood by its story. "Every word Lindsay Lohan told [writer Evgenia Peretz] is on tape," the magazine said. (AP)

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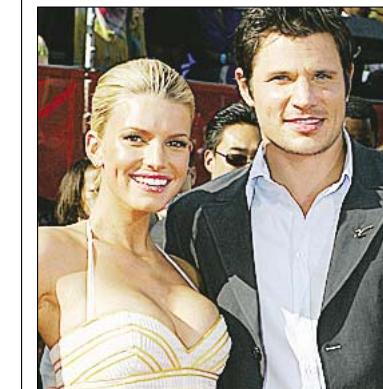

LOVE
Is This Blackwell Man Single?
BRITNEY SPEARS

topped Mr. Blackwell's annual "Worst Dressed" list for wearing clothes he said made her look like an "over-the-hill Lolita." He called Mary-Kate Olsen's clothing "bag lady rags" and "depressingly decayed."



Even Britney's makeup is poorly dressed.

Jessica Simpson "resembles a cut-rate Rapunzel — slinging hash in a Vegas diner." The other offenders: Eva Longoria, Mariah Carey, Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, Shakira, Anna Nicole Smith and Renee Zellweger. (AP)


HOMES
If Nick Can Stay for a Bit, He'll Knock Off a Million

Divorcing couple **JESSICA SIMPSON** and **NICK LACHEY** have sold their home to "Malcolm in the Middle" actor Justin Berfield, 19, said Simpson's publicist. The Calabasas house was featured on "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica." The Mediterranean-style house, which includes a screening room and music studio, was listed at \$3.75 million. Berfield plays Reese on the Fox sitcom. (AP)



Mel Brooks with his favorite twins.

TWINS
Broderick and Lane Now Officially Exact Same Person

MATTHEW BRODERICK had a request for people strolling the Hollywood Walk of Fame. "Please remember to curb your dogs when you are walking in this area," Broderick said as he and Broadway buddy **NATHAN LANE** received their stars on Monday in a dual ceremony. The two actors are currently starring in "The Odd Couple" on Broadway after appearing in the stage and screen versions of "The Producers." (AP)

Knee Pain from Osteoarthritis?

A research study is being conducted to evaluate an investigational medication for the treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee. Eligible participants must:

- Be male or females
- 40 years of age or older
- Have at least one knee affected by osteoarthritis

Subjects are not eligible if there has been recent trauma or surgery to the knee causing pain. Benefits include study medication, study-related testing, and parking at no cost. Additional compensation is provided for time and travel. For more information, call IntegraTrials Clinical Research at 703-528-0385 or e-mail trials@erols.com. Convenient location in Arlington, Virginia

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Metro Seeks Talented Talker for Doors Closing Voice Contest

The search is on to find the Washington Metropolitan area's latest talent. Metro is looking for a new "doors closing" voice, and yours might be it! If you love the sound of your own voice or just think it would be cool for Metro riders to listen to your voice every day, then this is your chance to be heard: Enter Metro's "Doors Closing Voice 2006" contest.

The current doors closing voice and chime are becoming a little too familiar. A fresh voice and new sound might catch riders' attention better and improve the way passengers board and exit trains, which will make everyone's trip a little smoother.

The contest is open to amateurs and professionals who are at least 21 years old and agree to give Metro all recording rights. For complete contest rules, visit MetroOpensDoors.com or call 202-962-2554.

Contestants are asked to record audio samples containing specific messages on CD or audiocassette and mail them to Metro for consideration. Metro encourages anyone with interest to enter the contest, but don't wait too long — entries must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20.

A panel of judges on Metro's staff will listen to all entries and select the top 10 participants, who will be taken to a studio for a professional voice recording. A panel of industry professionals will listen to the finalists and choose Metro's new doors closing voice. Metro plans to announce the winner in early February, and Metrorail riders should hear the new voice on select trains later that month.



Take Metro to the 2006 Washington Auto Show

Auto enthusiasts will have plenty to explore at the 2006 Washington Auto Show Tuesday, Jan. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Washington Convention Center. With more than 700 new vehicles, new car giveaways and celebrity guest appearances, this seven-day event is an eye-popping extravaganza. Aimed at educating consumers about the latest advances in the automotive industry and enticing people who might be in the market for a new ride, the auto show appeals to a wide-ranging audience. Interactive displays, children's activities and consumer contests offer something for everyone. Show visitors have several chances to drive home in a free new set of wheels this year: three new Toyota models, a Ford Fusion, 2006 Jeep Commander and 2006 Chrysler 300C are up for grabs. Metro to Mt Vernon Sq/ 7th St-Convention Center station on the Green/Yellow Lines. For show times, ticket prices and more information, visit washingtonautoshow.com or call 1-866-WASH-AUTO.



METRO TIP

It's that time of year when snow and ice can take its toll on your commute. Be prepared before you leave. Listen to the news, visit MetroOpensDoors.com or call our Customer Service at 202-637-7000 for Metro service updates.



Eight-Car Trains to be Tested on the Orange Line

You told us the Orange Line was getting too crowded in the morning. And you're not too fond of the starting-and-stopping going into Rosslyn station either. Well, we listened. On Monday, January 30, Metro will begin testing some 8-car trains on the Orange Line between 6 and 9:30 a.m. on weekdays.

You should experience less-crowded trains. But only if you help us out. Check the NEXT TRAIN signs. If you see that an 8-car train is coming, go to either end of the platform to board. That way, everyone will be more spread out, all eight cars will be used and everyone should have more breathing room.

The second benefit to 8-car trains is better train traffic flow through the area around Rosslyn station. How? Because while there will be longer trains, there will be two fewer trains per hour. Fewer, longer trains should improve the current train traffic jam near Rosslyn station where the Orange and Blue lines meet. There should be less starting-and-stopping and less time that your train has to wait while another train goes through the area. This should benefit customers on the Blue Line, too.

This test will help us prepare to introduce 8-car trains throughout your Metro system late this year. We look forward to your feedback this spring as we conduct a customer survey on the 8-car train test.



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